



Town of Barnstable
BARNSTABLE RECREATION



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Barnstable Youth Commission Minutes
January 23, 2024 ~ 6:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.

Flynn Kayajan called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Notice of Recording

Roll Call

Present: Mary Flynn Kayajan (Chair), Laik O'Reilly (Co-Chair), Jaden Jeffries, Connor O'Reilly, Sophie Machnik, Megan Garthee, Shalanda Grant, George Noonan (Assistant Director Recreation Division), Officer Gene Desruisseaux (Barnstable Police Department)

Absent: Mary Steinhilber, Eric Arabadzhiev, Piper Hunt, Michaela Stampfl, Maddy Boyle, Daniel Gomes, Kipp Diggs (Adult Advisor), Officer Brian Morrison

Also Present: Amy Harwood, Planning and Development Department

Minutes: Laik O'Reilly made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2023 meeting; Jaden Jeffries seconded; All in favor; motion passed.

Public Comment: Town Councilor Seth Burdick, Youth Commission Liaison was recognized by the chair. He introduced himself as the new Liaison to the Youth Commission.

Old Business

- A. **Treasured Life Initiative** - Marcia Donnelly and Jen Hevenor
 - a. Treasured Life Initiative works to fight sex-trafficking through awareness, training, restoration, demand reduction, and policy and legislation.
 - b. A Cape Cod organization - their website is: treasuredlifeinitiative.org
 - c. They are working to provide safe housing for those in recovery:
info@treasuredlifeinitiative
 - d. Marcia Donnelly presented an educational slide show
- B. **Job Fair**
 - a. Amy Harwood said an email went out with the link for businesses to sign up for the event

- b. The sub-committee needs to meet
 - c. Amy Harwood spoke about the League of Women's Voters having a table at the event
 - d. George will send the link for sign up to everyone
- C. Environmental - Offshore Wind's Presentation by Rachel Martin**
- a. Slide show presentation explained the work that is ongoing
 - b. Save Dowses Beach concerns about environmental electric magnetic radiation, contaminants into the aquafer, and health and safety were discussed
 - c. Invitation was extended to the Youth Commission to attend the Save Dowses Beach's January 27th event
- D. One Love**
- a. Discussion on whether to continue with the One Love Foundation Project or go with the NAN Project
 - i. Mary will check with the school to see if they will allow NAN Project workshops
- E. Youth Summit**
- a. George will give an update at the next meeting
 - b. Kevin Rosario is booked
- F. Food Drive**
- a. Sign up for event is on Genius
 - b. Laik will double check on the flyers and signs
 - c. The food pantry has boxes but Laik will also check the stores for them
- G. One Love**
- a. Flynn is reaching out to the schools

New Business

- A. Rene King** - Not present

Motion made by Laik O'Reilly to adjourn the meeting; Seconded by Jayden Jeffries. **All in favor.**
Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Merritt
Principal Recreation Division Assistant

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 13, 2024
Hyannis Youth and Community Center - Shepley Room**

