

Newburyport Youth Commission.

Minutes

Thursday June 23rd 2011

Kelley School

Called to order 6:40 pm

Present: Alan Papert, Beth Tremblay Hall, Alexandra Canning, Andrea Egmont, Deborah Andrews and Dylan McCoy

Alan agreed to take minutes.

Minutes of May meeting were approved with items 3 and 4 under June agenda moved to discussion. Moved by Deborah, seconded by Alan.

Andrea reported on Youth services updates:-

- New tennis training program for beginners
- Enrollment for summer programs overwhelmed
- Parks commission looking at landscaping grant for the center
- Skate park fest went well
- The lease for the van is running out
- Cushing park play area is to be reworked to provide a street hockey field, a basketball field and a small BMX park.
- Learning enrichment center space and play area plan is proceeding slowly.

Numerous changes were made to the Kelley school rental agreement and agreed to by the YC.

Financial policies will be reviewed at a later date and approved by appropriate municipal offices along with the YC.

Downtown issue, brought to the fore by the recent stabbing, was brought up and the committee members were given copies of the Lynn ordinance prohibiting gang loitering within 1,000 feet of a school zone. We have been requested to provide an opinion to the mayor.

Beacon Coalition report:-

- Community mapping includes points of interest to youth.
- Fee for service for mental health.
- A survey tool is to be used to get older parents involved in non-academic events

The organization chart was adopted with numerous changes.

The report provided by the consultant was deemed to be too vague. Deborah and Alan volunteered to form a committee to propose a 5 year plan for the youth commission.

The next meeting will take place on July 19, 2011 at 6:30 pm.

July agenda:-

Approve June minutes
Discuss Lynn ordinance and applicability to Newburyport
Progress on 5 year plan
Progress on funding
Any other business

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.