

## Wethersfield Youth Advisory Board Meeting June 1, 2006

Name	Present	Absent	Excused Absence
Maria Calleri			X
Michael Carragher	X		
Steve Cook/Jim Collin		X	
Matthew Daskal	X		
Sharon DiGioia-Daskal	X		
Mike Fisher		X	
Debra Hammer	X		
Melissa Hoon	X		
Ryan M. Jordan			X
Jeff Kotkin	X		
Natalie Kotkin	X		
Susan Miller	X		
Barbara J. Ruhe	X		
Laurie Slade			X
Nancy Stilwell			X
Kaitlin Taylor	X		
Kristin Zeller	X		
Heather Zottola	X		

**The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.**

[The minutes from the May meeting](#) were reviewed and accepted.

### Youth Advisory Board

- Deb Hammer called for nominations for Board officers. Barbara Ruhe moved that we postpone Board elections until September.
- Bonnie Therrien would like a Youth Advisory Board representative to come to a meeting to discuss the needs of youth in Wethersfield on June 14th. The YAB feels that what's working in the town is the network/safety net of the Youth Services as well as the gateway that ROPE provides to youth services. Some gaps that exist are social work services within schools as well as communication of resources available and activities for teenagers.
- The Youth Advisory Board does not advise youth services but supports it. We'd like to change direction and become more active. Barbara Ruhe suggested we review and rewrite our mission statement. She also suggests that we become advocates for how we see screening services provided to families.
- YAB will need a summer meeting.

### Youth in Government

- Students at Hanmer School are designing t-shirts and will vote on a design using the voting machines on Thursday, June 8, 2006. Natalie Kotkin volunteered to help with voting.

### **Future Projects**

- Corn Fest fundraising, September 16th, 2006- "Sandy Candy" colored sugar that the kids put into a bottle. We can sell them for \$2.00 to make a \$1.00 profit. Deb Hammer would like us to think of other fundraising ideas.

### **Other Business**

- Matt Daskal will be graduating high school and will be leaving the Board.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.**