

## Youth Advisory Board Minutes

October 4, 2012

**Present:** Barbara Ruhe, Patty Tiberio, Debra Hammer, Chris Healy, Mary Ellen Gregorio, Sophie Fortunato, Nancy Flynn, Penny Stanziale, George Bashura, Nancy Stilwell (staff)

**Absent:** Cindy Zuerblis, Paul Montinieri (Council Liaison)

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM.

Minutes of the September meeting were approved: Motion by Deb Hammer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Patty Tiberio.

### **Administrative:**

- Barbara spoke to the Town Clerk. Gretchen Schultz and Junito Mendez formally resigned. Barbara will continue to work on getting the ordinance on the composition of the committee revised.

### **Youth Services:**

- The dept is currently registering middle school students for Crossroads. Enrollment is up over last year and Pat Meskill will continue to market the program through the elementary schools (next spring) and at the middle school for the current year.
- JRB continues to function very well.
- Plans for CASAC grant funds were presented: Crossroads, Volunteer Recognition, and programs for the high school and middle school are in progress.

### **Future Projects:**

- Volunteer Recognition is confirmed for May 2, 2013.
- Clean up projects will be planned to involve youth in community service this spring. Nancy talked to Jeff who said that Marsh St or Spring St would be OK. We will try to coordinate with Earth Day in April.
- Wethersfield Early Childhood Collaborative: The kick off event is Thursday, 10/11. There are many areas that we could become involved with as another partner with this collaborative. Elementary school initiatives on bullying is one possibility that was discussed. The possibility of using some of the YAB funds for this was discussed. George Bashura will pursue this for the next meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Chris Healy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nancy Flynn. Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Stilwell, Ph.D.

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