

**TOWN OF GRANBY
YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU
Minutes
January 11, 2012**

PRESENT: Donna Snyder, Chairman; Emily Boone, AnneMarie Cox, KerryAnn Kielbasa, Chief Carl Rosensweig, Laura Matheos, Michele Psutka, Tom Tyburski

Chairman Donna Snyder confirmed a quorum and began the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING'S MINUTES

ON A MOTION BY Laura Matheos, seconded by AnneMarie Cox, the Board voted (5-0-0) to accept the minutes of October 12, 2011 as written.

GRANBY PREVENTION COUNCIL UPDATE:

- The GPC met this week. Marketing and Development have had some productive meetings and action plans. A program was held at the high school Monday night in which Wayne Kowal of the CT State Police Narcotics Task Force spoke to parents. There was not enough time for questions. A forum for discussion/questions will be offered in the next two months.
- Development has a recruitment drive underway. They are reaching out to businesses in town.
- All seniors will see HAZE at the high school by the end of the year. The GPC and YSB will offer screenings for parents and their children. The first showing will be held at the YMCA on February 6th.

YOUTH COUNSELOR REPORT:

- Youth Services is in transition. Presently, two interns who have been with Youth Services for a year and a half are in the process of phasing out. One intern is still here and the part-time staff are picking up more hours. There is the possibility of another intern who is interested in picking up some hours until the end of the year.
- The Youth Services Counselor position in East Granby is vacant. They would like to contract with the YSB to provide clinical services. Ms. Kielbasa has been talking with the First Selectmen regarding the details and they are presently looking at early February for a start date.
- "Ryan's Story", an anti-bullying presentation, will be held for middle school and high school students on Friday. Ryan Halligan's father will give a presentation regarding his son Ryan who committed suicide after being bullied.
- Katie's Gift, a MADD presentation, was held at the middle school last month and will be done again next year.

YOUTH ACTION COUNCIL:

- The sixth grade dance was very successful. There were 120 kids in attendance and \$750 was raised. Money raised at the dances supports two \$500 scholarships.
- A coat drive was held and over 100 coats were collected.
- Safe Zone stickers will be distributed to teachers at the middle school. A 'safe zone' is a place where a student is safe to talk about anything regarding sexuality.
- The sidewalk extension is part of the upcoming referendum and YAC is lobbying to get people to vote.
- There is a multi-town youth leadership conference regarding wellness and healthy decision making on Saturday, March 3rd.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Cox and Mr. Tyburski met with Alan Addley regarding the difficulty of communicating and the possibility of using the Board of Ed database, (i.e. adding a check-off box for individuals who would allow their information to be shared with the YSB). Although Mr. Addley was open to the idea, he felt if he allowed us to do this, he would have to do the same for others.

There was a conversation regarding communication and how to get information distributed. It was stated that individuals can sign up on the town website to receive information electronically, i.e. board minutes, announcements, etc. The Town Manager will be contacted to see if Youth Services information can be added to this.

NEW BUSINESS

Donna Snyder distributed the Human Services organization chart and asked what the Board can do to help this year. It was decided to conduct a survey to the community regarding communication and programming. Once the information is received, it can then be determined what types of programs to sponsor. Donna Snyder and Laura Matheos will design the survey and YAC can assist in creating it. Ms. Kielbasa will contact Donna Wix, a consultant at the library, and ask her if she could assist on how to proceed.

ADJOURNMENT

ON A MOTION BY AnneMarie Cox, seconded Donna Snyder, the bureau voted (5-0-0) to adjourn at 5:04 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday, February 8, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Kane
Recording Secretary