

## **Commission for Children and Youth Regular Meeting Minutes**

Monday, May 18th, 2020

5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

Virtual Google Meet

### Commissioners Present

Shara Kolodney, Chair (arrived after Agenda item 2)

Bridget Angus

Denise Harvey

Jane Hoeffner

Denese Marshall

Hilary Misiano

Michelle Tivey (arrived during Agenda item 4)

Knox Watson

### Commissioners Absent

Michelle Albright

### Other Attendees

Laura Cleary, Youth Services Director

Allison Lisbon, Social Services Director

Charlene Monn, Program Director

Emma Spaulding, WHS At Large Student Representative

#### 1. Call to Order

Laura Cleary called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm.

#### 2. Approval of minutes

**Motion:** *Move to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on April 20, 2020.* Motion by Knox Watson, second by Hilary Misiano. (Vote: 5-0; For - Angus, Harvey, Hoeffner, Misiano, Watson; other members of the Commission had not yet joined the meeting).

#### 3. Member check-in

The participants on the call shared how they were doing during the pandemic.

#### 4. Reports as needed:

- Social Services (Allison): Still very busy. Running curbside and delivery pantry and grocery bag efforts and getting requests to assist with other bills. Haven't seen large increase in numbers since last time.

- Summer programs update (Charlene): Wrapping up spring online programs this week - going very well; hardest part is parents forgetting to sign on. Governor issued guidelines for summer day camps; discussed with district and Parks & Recreation. Inclined to offer only online camps due to restrictions and associated challenges; talked to several companies and Weston teachers; looking at theatre, music, finance, science, art, yoga, and chess programs.
- WYS update (Laura): Difficult to sort out the needs of Weston families; have done some one-to-one support and support groups; keeping up to date on resources and what others are doing in Town; doing fun video program; not seeing level of parent interest in types of programs usually do.
- WHS students (Bridget, Knox, Emma): Bridget - not much going on with the school year almost over; on 6/12, doing graduation with large car parade on School Road. Knox - hit 5 week mark on community service - provided around \$2500 of unpaid work for Peter's; student government broadcasts going well. Emma - for some students, the experience is positive, but difficult for others. Shara Kolodney added that she thinks students at WMS are hitting online fatigue.
- NAMI liaison (Jane): NAMI can offer support to groups online. Separately, maybe can do online book discussion. Laura Cleary will connect Jane with the Friends of the Weston Library.
- School Liaisons:
  - HES (Charlene): Nothing to report, but notes seeing that kids enjoy connecting with their classmates and instructors in the WOW programs.
  - WIS (Michele T.): Moving forward with end of year celebration and art show online. Doing google meet for 5th to 6th grade transition.
  - WMS (Michele A.): No report.
  - WHS (Hilary): Nothing to report.
  - BOE (Denise H.): Noted that she had heard from a parent that members of the BOE were going to have an online meeting with working parents.

#### 5. New ideas/discussion

General discussion on keeping up connections with people.

#### 6. For the good of the order

Nothing raised.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 pm. Motion by Shara Kolodney, second by Knox Watson.

Respectfully submitted,  
Denise Harvey, Secretary