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**Commission for Children and Youth**

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, December 21, 2020, 5:30pm**

**Via Zoom**

Commissioners Present

Shara Kolodney, Chair (joined at 6:10pm)

Gillian Donovan

Denise Harvey

Jane Hoeffner

Emma Spaulding

Commissioners Absent

Denese Marshall

Hiliary Misiano

Michelle Tivey

Knox Watson

Other Attendees

Laura Cleary, Youth Services Director

Charlene Monn, Youth Services Program Coordinator

Allison Lisbon, Weston Social Services Director

1. Call to Order: D. Harvey called the meeting to order at 5:36pm.
2. Approval of November minutes (motion occurred after quorum was established): D. Harvey made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 16, 2020 regular meeting. The motion was seconded by S. Kolodney. The vote was unanimous (5-0).
3. Reports:

* Social Services (A. Lisbon): Distributing food, wrapped presents and gift cards tomorrow via a drive-through pantry. Number of families in need is similar to last year’s number. State assistance plan for heating needs is in effect; Weston Warm-up Fund starts in the spring.
* WOW Winter Update (C. Monn): Fall program ended a couple of weeks ago and registration has been underway for the winter. Offered 23 programs for winter but registration thus far is very low so only have 7 confirmed programs. Winter fun pandemic Facebook group is active, providing families suggestions on winter activities. Offering 4-day science program during holiday break. After winter break, will try a breakfast club for younger kids on Fridays.
* Weston Coalition update (L. Cleary, D. Harvey): Nothing new to report.
* WYS update (L. Cleary): Working with Jennifer Bernheim on project related to vision and values for families. Submitted budget proposal today and will be meeting in January to finalize it – seeing this as an atypical year. Working with C. Monn on using a website separate from the Town website, similar to what Parks & Recreation does. Two WHS students have a project for a virtual girls’ group for which they are seeking support; will come back to her with details. No proposals on mini grants yet. Sent out a survey – received 50 responses; safe family volunteering generated a lot of interest. Still working with H. Misiano on doing mindfulness program. Partnering with Wilton Youth Council on programs.
* Student updates (E. Spaulding): Reported that she thinks students are getting restless; raised whether snow days will end up being zoom days in the future.
* School/community liaisons: No reports.

1. TEAM Weston update: L. Cleary noted that the organization is up and running. If anyone is interested in participating, they should reach out to S. Kolodney. Sending out newsletter in January.
2. Other member updates: No reports.
3. New ideas/discussion: S. Kolodney is the PBIS coach for WMS; talking about some ideas for WMS, including doing something on organization and digital files on Wednesday afternoon. Discussed whether a student survey could be done to find out what students would like to do on the early dismissal Wednesdays.
4. For the good of the order: Nothing raised.
5. Adjournment: S. Kolodney made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:28pm. The motion was seconded by E. Spaulding. Vote was unanimous (5-0).