

**TOWN OF GRANBY  
YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU ADVISORY BOARD  
AND  
DESIGNATED LOCAL PREVENTION COUNCIL  
SENIOR CENTER/YOUTH SERVICES BUILDING  
Minutes  
June 8, 2016**

**PRESENT:** Mark McDermott, Julianna Pestretto, Michele Psutka, Daphne Shinder, Abby Shekler, Captain Tyler

**STAFF PRESENT:** AnneMarie Cox, Sandra Yost

Michele Psutka confirmed a quorum and began the meeting at 4:03 p.m.

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING'S MINUTES**

**ON A MOTION** by Daphne Shinder, seconded by Mark McDermott, the board voted (5-0-0) to accept the minutes of May 11, 2016 as written.

**YOUTH COUNSELOR REPORT:**

- Yoga for teens will be held on June 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- In regard to providing some summer activities, the billiards room will be open on Monday evenings for teens. Registration in advance is required. Presently exploring the interest level of getting younger kids together to do puzzles.
- On July 23<sup>rd</sup>, there will be a parent roundtable discussion on the adolescent brain.
- The safe dates program will be offered in East Granby in September.
- The student members of the YSB were thanked for their participation.

**YOUTH ACTION COUNCIL REPORT:**

- Some of the YAC members gave a presentation at Monday's Board of Selectmen meeting. They gave highlights of the things they've done and discussed the challenges with the 6<sup>th</sup> grade going to the middle school next year, i.e. scholarship fundraiser.
- The YAC scholarship was presented at the senior awards on Monday.
- For their last meeting of the year, the group will take a hike on the Metacomet Trail. The 8<sup>th</sup> graders who will be joining the group in the fall have been invited to attend.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Mark McDermott has made several attempts to get in touch in with Electric Avenue and has been unsuccessful.
- Lori Blackburn was not available to provide an update on a drug "take back" box.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Mark McDermott stated he felt it's important to have a youth member of the YSB be a student liaison on the Board of Selectmen. Julianna Pestretto will get in touch with Mark to get more information.
- At a training today, Daphne Shinder learned about an educational documentary created by the FBI on opiate addiction, "Chasing the Dragon". She felt this may be useful to Youth Services.

## **OTHER**

- Because the Board does not meet over the summer and terms expire in October, recruitment of new Board members should begin now. AnneMarie Cox will talk to the pastors in town. A parent is also needed and it would be ideal to have someone who has kids in high school.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**ON A MOTION BY** Daphne Shinder, seconded by Julianna Pestretto, the bureau voted (4-0-0) to adjourn at 4:25 p.m. It should be noted that Mark McDermott was excused prior to the close of the meeting.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on September 14, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Kane  
Recording Secretary