

**TOWN OF GRANBY
YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU
Minutes
September 14, 2011**

PRESENT: Donna Snyder, Chairman; Emily Boone, Jack Cashman, AnneMarie Cox, Michael Garcia, KerryAnn Kielbasa, Laura Matheos, Michele Psutka, Jeff Rackliff, Shirley Ryan, Chief David Watkins

Chairman Donna Snyder confirmed a quorum and began the meeting at 4:05 p.m.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING'S MINUTES

ON A MOTION BY Emily Boone, seconded by AnneMarie Cox, the Board voted (8-0-0) to accept the minutes of June 8, 2011 as written. It should be noted that Michele Psutka has not been sworn in as of yet.

GRANBY PREVENTION COUNCIL UPDATE:

Chief Watkins and Kerry Kielbasa gave the following update:

- The Drug-Free Community grant application was denied. Once the peer review is received, the group will determine how to proceed. Due to financial reasons, a consultant will not be hired to assist with writing the grant, if it is decided to re-apply. If anything, a consultant may be hired at the very end of the process prior to submission. Also, because not enough programming has been put into place, it was recommended not to do the Search Institute Survey again this year.
- Governance prepared four descriptors of each sub-committee to be reviewed for comments by the GPC by September 16th and to be presented at Governance September 21st. Final action will be taken at the next GPC meeting.

YOUTH COUNSELOR REPORT:

AnneMarie Cox gave the following report:

- YAC will begin at the end of the month and WOW will begin in early October.
- Jessica Colebrook, a new intern, will assist with Katie's Gift, a MADD presentation which is planned to be shown at the middle school in January.
- Ms. Cox was asked to give a presentation to high school staff in early October on alcohol and drug use/abuse. She was also asked to give a presentation at the first PAC meeting on the "Power of Parents" which gives parents tools on how to talk to their kids about drinking.
- There has not been positive feedback from the high school regarding the showing of HAZE at the school. Ms. Cox felt it would be best that someone in the community take this on. Laura Matheos offered to draft a letter that individuals could send to the Board of Education supporting this.
- There was a discussion on ways to get HAZE shown as much as possible over the next two years. Some suggestions were, showing it at a YAC meeting and invite the parents; the GPC and YSB host showings before Christmas and in the spring; have a showing that includes a separate dialogue of parents and youth, etc.

- Ms. Cox suggested partnering HAZE with the MADD presentation which would give parents tools to talk to their kids. This collaboration will be brought to the Events Committee who will in turn bring it to the next GPC meeting. (Jeff Rackliff, Mike Garcia, AnneMarie Cox)

YOUTH ACTION COUNCIL

AnneMarie Cox gave the following report:

- The first YAC meeting will be held in October. There are still some slots that need to be filled.
- Ms. Cox, Ms. Kielbasa and Brita Gotberg met this morning regarding YAC and ways to get it back to its' original goal of advocacy and leadership. For example, YAC's role will be as a liaison between youth group, the GPC and the YSB; representatives will be at each meeting and they will have input/feedback regarding prevention programs; they may attend some Board of Selectmen meetings, etc. They will also be creating an event for their own age group and will be looking at fundraisers to make them more self-sufficient.

OLD BUSINESS:

Donna Snyder gave a brief summary of last year's accomplishments, including the upgrade of the YSB Facebook page, creation of sub-committees, identification of specific assets to focus on, focused on recruitment through attendance at various school events, assisted YSB with their strategic plan and supported various events, including Stand Up To Cancer, Race to Nowhere and Celebrate Granby.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Plans for the Year Ahead**

There was a discussion on how to get information regarding the YSB to parents.

- The YSB can "friend" people via Facebook.
- Bring flyers to Geisslers, library and various events that members attend.
- Add link to E-Blast where parents can give their e-mail address to YSB for monthly updates.
- Send letter to PTO requesting e-mail distribution list.
- Donna Snyder, Emily Boone and Laura Matheos volunteered to work on this.

ADJOURNMENT

ON A MOTION BY Emily Boone, seconded Shirley Ryan, the bureau voted (8-0-0) to adjourn at 5:30 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday, October 12, 2011 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Kane
Recording Secretary