

TOWN OF CROMWELL

Youth Advisory Board Tuesday, June 20, 2023 6:30 P.M. Town Hall Lower Level with Zoom option

Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order by Maggie Schufer at 6:31 PM. Seconded by Suzanne Rutner.

2. ROLL CALL – Sarah Maffiolini, Jessica Zeedyk, Gayle Ivy, Suzanne Rutner, Maggie Schufer, Payton Langdon, Lucas Langdon, Whitney Simmons, Katie Barber, Jason Barber, Paula Luna, and Diana Perry.

3. APPROVE/AMEND AGENDA – A motion to approve the June 20, 2023 meeting agenda was made by Suzanne Rutner. Seconded by Maggie Schufer.

4. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

a. Prior Meeting: 5.16.2023 - A motion to approve the May 16, 2023 meeting minutes was made by Suzanne Rutner. Seconded by Gayle Ivy.

5. OLD BUSINESS

a. Recruiting new members – Sarah reported that the Youth Advisory Board members would be required to have a background check moving forward because of their work with youth in the community. She discussed the upcoming Cromwell Youth Services summer outreach events and that they would be great opportunities to recruit new members.

i. Outreach dates sign up on Doodle Poll- Sarah encouraged members of the board to sign up to attend the following events.

1. Summer Concert Kick Off – 6/21 6:30PM

2. Farmer's Market Hidden in Plain Sight – 6/30 4:00 PM

3. Farmer's Market Change the Script – 7/14 4:00PM

4. Farmer's Market Responsible Play van – 8/11 4:00PM

5. End of Summer Concert – 8/23 6:30PM

b. Community Center letter of support – Gayle reported that at the last meeting a discussion was had as to how to present the letter to the Cromwell Town Council. Paula suggested the letter be given to Mayor Fortenbach to read aloud at the next Town Council meeting. Paula also suggested making copies for each council member.

c. Girl Scout project – Jess tabled the discussion and requested it be added to the September 2023 meeting agenda.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Amend bylaws – A vote for the following bylaws amendments was approved by the board.

i. Section III Organization; to read “The organization shall be known as

Cromwell Youth Services Advisory Board (YSAB) appointed by ~~Board of Selectman-Town Council~~. - A motion to approve the amendment was made by Maggie Schufer. Seconded by Suzanne Rutner.

- ii. Approve section V-A Meetings to read “At this meeting, the Board will elect officers and recommend appointments and new appointments to the ~~First Selectman-Town Council~~. - A motion to approve the amendment was made by Suzanne Rutner. Seconded by Maggie Schufer.
 - iii. Approve section V-D Meetings to read “A quorum consists of ~~5 members~~ the majority of members”- A motion to approve the amendment was made by Suzanne Rutner. Seconded by Whitney Simmons.
 - iv. Approve section V-E Meetings to read “Youth Advisory Board members who have missed 3 consecutive meetings ~~will~~ may be asked to resign”.- A motion to approve the amendment was made by Maggie Schufer. Seconded by Suzanne Rutner.
- b. New appointments –
- i. Member Gayle Ivy as President - A motion to elect Gayle Ivy as Youth Advisory Board President was made by Suzanne Rutner. Seconded by Maggie Schufer.
 - ii. Member Maggie Schufer as Vice President - A motion to elect Maggie Schufer as Youth Advisory Board Vice President was made by Suzanne Rutner. Seconded by Whitney Simmons.

7. STANDING REPORTS

a. Youth Services – Sarah reported that the Town of Cromwell fiscal year ends on June 30. She also reported that the state YSB budget passed and will stay the same as the previous year and that the proposed increase to the budget did not pass. She listed the upcoming Cromwell Youth Services programs and events and that both she and Jess are planning for fall activities. She reported that there is opioid settlement money that the state has allocated to town governments and that currently the Town of Cromwell has not spent these funds. She discussed ideas on how to propose spending the money including organizing a task force in town and gauging the prevention needs of the community.

b. Town Council – Paula reported that the Cromwell Middle School Building Project cost increase referendum passed. The project is in the bidding stages, groundbreaking will be in January 2024, and the project is set to be complete sometime in 2025. She reported that the results of the Town of Cromwell employee culture study will be presented to the Town Council at the end of June 2023. She concluded by reporting that Chief Denise Lamantagne is retiring and Capt. Sifodaskalakis will be taking her place.

c. Police Department – No report.

d. Youth- Katie discussed her end-of-year activities at school including exams and sports conditioning. Lucas discussed Vinyl Technical High School and the trades they offer. He added that he is in the auto mechanic program and that the school offers car repair for the public, the cost is \$20 per hour and any parts needed. He instructed customers to contact the auto shop teacher to book car maintenance and/or repair.

8. CITIZEN REPORT - No report.

9. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORGANIZATION- Sarah shared about her recent

wedding and honeymoon. Maggie shared that her band performance at Covenant Village was very well attended. Whitney shared that the Diversity Equity and Inclusion Committee would be creating a unity pole at Pierson Park. She added that the DEI Committee will be partnering with other organizations. Jess discussed the Cromwell High School graduation ceremony and that it was a very well-run event. Suzanne shared that Northwest Children's Center would be holding an art show at Cromwell Belden Public Library to showcase the preschooler's art to the community.

10. ADJOURN - A motion was made at 7:17 PM by Maggie Schufer. Seconded by Gayle Ivy.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Tuesday, September 19, 2023

Recording clerk, Jessica Zeedyk