

## North Reading Youth Services Committee Meeting

**Date/Time:** Monday, June 24, 2019 — 6 p.m.

**Location:** North Reading Town Hall, Rm. 10

| Committee Members Present |                 | Committee Members Absent | Guests/Visitors Present               |
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| Peter Majane, Chair       | Jason Slattery  | Patty Harrington         | Jennifer Ford, Y.S. Director          |
| Frank Ferraro, Vice-Chair | Leslie Schultz  | Karen Buscemi, Secretary | Liane Gonzalez, Select Board Liaison  |
| Amy DiChiara              | Samantha Miller |                          | Paul Lucci, NRPD SRO                  |
| Christy Dampousse         |                 |                          | Amy Luckiewicz, DFC Grant Coordinator |
| Danielle Masterson        |                 |                          |                                       |

**Chairman Peter Majane called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.**

1. **Guests:** Peter Majane welcomed guests — North Reading Police School Resource Officer Paul Lucci and DFC Grant Director Amy Luckiewicz.
  - a. The pair discussed their “intense training” in England as part of the Rotary’s vocational training grant. Lucci and Luckiewicz went to Kent for 17 days, visiting 11 different departments. During that time period, they were able to sit in on 12 cases and a patrol shift. Lucci said the grant program gave him a “better appreciation that everyone is doing the same job (throughout the world).” Although England does not have school resources officers like America, Lucci was able to conduct a few training sessions on his job in North Reading. Luckiewicz noted that England was chosen due to her friendship with an officer there, who also had a Rotary club in the area. The \$30,000 grant reward stipulated that the training take place in a Rotary membership area. Both discussed the British juvenile justice team that presents each juvenile that has gotten into trouble with a caution, a referral and intervention resources.
  - b. In addition to the Rotary program, Luckiewicz presented the committee with several CBD products. Lucci showed how cannabidiol (CBD) products can be tested with free test strips at the police station to see if it contains tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) — the principal psychoactive element of cannabis. The strips are yes-no result only, and does not determine if the product is within the legal limit of THC. Luckiewicz said that there is no consumer protection as many products claim to have no THC and still show a “yes” result on the test strips.
  - c. Lucci reported that youth numbers are down in all areas, except vaping. He encourages all parents to stay on top of their child’s social media, especially Snapchat.
  - d. The Community Impact Team has written a policy which would put a diversion punishment on any student who was caught with alcohol or where underage drinkers were present. Luckiewicz said the School Committee voted it down because members believed it was crossing the line of what schools should be doing.
2. **Review of Previous Minutes:** May 20, 2019 minutes were reviewed and accepted unanimously.

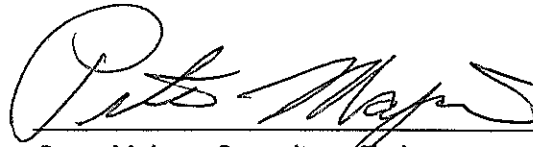
3. **Financial Report:** YS Director Jennifer Ford outlined there were no changes. She will submit expenses.
4. **Social Services Report:** Jennifer Ford said she is being contacted more by members of the community and shared a story of an elementary principal who asked for her help in supporting the family (children and grandparents) of a sudden death.
5. **Participation Report:** Jennifer Ford reported participation numbers are increasing, with many new faces. As of the June meeting, 251 youth participated in a YS program — not including the Reality Fair, which was attended by the entire junior class at North Reading High School. She also noted that the first Out of the Darkness Walk, which raises awareness for suicide and suicide prevention, was attended by over 20 people. In a general survey, 35% of attendees admitted considering suicide while 52% had lost someone to suicide.
6. **Old Business:** There was no old business.
7. **New Business:** Vice Chair Frank Ferraro asked Select Board Liaison Liane Gonzalez to stay in touch, as Youth Services has distinct needs. Gonzalez said she heard the concerns and needs and will bring it forward to the Select Board. Member Danielle Masterson asked about the Police Department's summer program, wondering if it was impacting summer program signups. Ford admitted it has caused confusion among parents who believe it is a Youth Service program.

**Next meeting:** Monday, July 22, 2019 — 6 p.m., NR Town Hall, Rm. 10

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

| Documents/Handouts                            |                                      |
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| Committee Meeting Agenda                      | Committee Minutes from May Meeting   |
| Financial Report                              | Social Services/Participation Report |
| July / August Youth Services program calendar | Rotary Vocational Training Report    |

September 23, 2019  
Minutes Approved on Date

  
Peter Majane, Committee Chair