

## North Reading Youth Services Committee Meeting

**Date/Time:** Monday, May 24, 2021 / 6:00 pm      **Location:** Zoom - Teleconference

Committee Members Present		Committee Members Absent	Guests/Visitors Present
Peter Majane, Chair	Leslie Schultz	Jason Slattery	
Danielle Masterson, Co-Chair	Patty Harrington	Christy Damphousse	
Deborah Mahoney, Secretary	Jodi Sponzo	Amy DiChiara	
Frank Ferraro		Yan Huang	

**Chair Peter Majane called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.**

Jennifer Ford, YS Director was not present for the meeting so Danielle Masterson, Co-Chair was her proxy.

**1. Review of April Minutes.** April 26, 2021 minutes were reviewed and accepted.

**2. Financial Report:** No change in the financial report.

**3. Participation Report:** Jen Ford, YS Director has been working with a lot of high school students who need to earn community service hours. Two middle school youth group students participated with the high school Youth Action Team (YAT) for the sticker shock program. It was a success and a good collaboration so the YAT is revisiting having middle school students be involved with YAT. Jen Ford, YS Director met with a NRHS graduate who formed FREEFORM, a club for youth who choose to remain substance free. This group will offer bi-weekly programming starting in July through mid-August for youth in 6th grade and older. Jen Ford, YS Director collaborated with a Master's level student regarding a possible mindfulness summer program. The virtual reality fair will be shared with Juniors and Seniors this week and then shared on YS social media platforms in June. Jen Ford, YS Director plans to attend a Youth At Risk conference this week. Jen Ford, YS Director is looking to establish a new infrastructure for school involvement within the Coalition in hopes of building a multi-tiered implementation of substance abuse prevention within the schools. Jen's name was given to a member at the International Church, hoping to provide community service to the town of NR. YS is hosting a Walk Out of the Darkness walk on Saturday, June 26 for suicide awareness and prevention.

**4. Social Services Report:** Jen Ford, YS Director continues to have a lot of conversations with community members regarding depression and anxiety. A member at the International Family Church was given Jen Ford's name to connect with community volunteer needs in July. Danielle Masterson and Jen Ford, YS Director collaborated on a library patron who needed some assistance.

**5. Old Business:** No old business.

**6. New Business:** Select Board recommending another Youth Services position, a part-time assistant. This will be presented at the meeting on June 5. The committee is happy to see that the Select Board is supportive of youth services. Frank Ferraro, a long serving committee member, shared some history about the Youth Services director position.

**Next meeting: June 28, 2021 Meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.**

<b>Documents/Handouts</b>	
April 2021 Minutes	

July 26, 2021

Minutes Approved on Date

  
Peter Majane, Committee Chair