

# North Reading Youth Services Committee Meeting

**Date/Time:** Monday, November 26, 2018 6:00pm

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

Committee Members Present		Committee Members Absent	Guests/Visitors Present
Peter Majane, Chair	Leslie Shultz	Judy Hall	Jason Slattery
Frank Ferraro, Vice-Chair	Patty Harrington	Samantha Miller	Jennifer Ford, Y.S. Director
Sandy Garniss	Kathy Dardeno	Karen Buscemi	
Amy DiChiara	Christy Damphousse		

**Vice-Chairman Frank Ferraro called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.**

1. **Review of Previous Minutes:** October 22, 2018 minutes were reviewed and accepted unanimously.
2. **Financial Report:** Finances remain steady, there are no budget changes since October.
3. **Social Services Report:** Eighteen high schoolers have signed up to be on YS volunteer list. Some of those volunteers supported during Veteran's Day Ceremony. There have also been several conversations regarding socialization for youth as well as the support of one local family after the death of a parent.
4. **Participation Report:** There are new faces participating in YS programming/events every week.
5. **Old Business:** A volunteer list has been created from the Interact club members. Volunteers from this list were utilized to aid Veteran's services recently. Video Production - there was a high attendance level over the summer yet attendance dropped to 1 student in the fall. Despite the low attendance, the program was still facilitated and given the positive experience this student encountered s/he is now enrolled in two other youth services programs.

High School outreach:

- o Attendance has been slow and steady. Jen is working with Kim the media specialist.
- o Jen is considering programs to hold during power block.
- o Jen has contacted Peabody Court. A very positive response was rec'd from the Peter Sanborn Place.

There is a youth services statewide meeting in January that Jen will attend. Discussion on committee name "youth and family" services will be discussed. Jen to report back. The other departments focus on clinical aspects mostly.

6. **New Business:** Guest Speakers, Amy Luckiewicz and Laura Miranda
  - o The second year of the grant is complete.
  - o October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 was the start date for the third year.
  - o The P3 tip app was launched. It is an anonymous tip line which allows the user to engage in a live icon and upload video and photos in real time. Youth based calls are handled by Detective Lucci.
  - o NRPS application allows for selection of subject matter via a dropdown menu.
  - o Laura is the newly hired mental health/substance abuse counselor for the town.
  - o She is listed in the crisis resource guide. Several introductions to local businesses have been made as well as the local vocational and preparatory schools. Meetings are planned with school guidance counselors.
  - o Laura will work in conjunction with the school counselor. The position is funded through the town.

Co-Youth Action Team

- o Town selectman need to approve the two town employees to run the peer to peer education and advocacy program.
- o Team is not limited to the town's middle and high schools.
- o Amy will be giving a presentation on blood alcohol levels to the 8th grade. She would like to develop a small group presentation.

Invite Amy L to Feb meeting.

Chair and Vice chair to be elected at next meeting.

**Next meeting:** Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 - 6:00pm, Room 10

Meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Documents/Handouts	
Committee Meeting Agenda	Committee Minutes from October Meeting
Financial Report	Social Services/Participation Report
	Jennifer Ford, Y.S. Director Update (2 double-sided pages)

*December 17, 2018*

Minutes Approved on Date

*Peter Majane*

Peter Majane, Committee Chair