

# **YOUTH COMMISSION**

**PRO-ACCESS TEEN CENTER**

**1 SCHOOL STREET**

**August 24, 2015**

**7:00 PM**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

## **MINUTES**

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**PRESENT:** Chairman, Kristin Nauheimer, Members: Lisa Bergh, Mike Moles.

Bob Korin present at 7:12

Also present: Hilda Valdespino, Director Pro-Access Teen Center; Claudia Fortunato, Assistant Director; Laura Brown, UCONN Community and Economic Development Educator; Cassidy Quinn, Student Advisory Chairman; and Ariana Leggio, Ex-Officio Teen Member.

Absent: Rob Deletis and Kristin Riolo

Chairman Kristin Nauheimer called the meeting to order 7:07 PM.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes from the August 11, 2015 meeting tabled until the next regular meeting on September 8, 2015.

**DISCUSSION REGARDING STRATEGIC PLANNING:** Hilda brought the Commission up to date on the goals for completing a strategic plan and assessment of the Teen Center in Bethel.

Laura Brown facilitated the discussion pointing it in three general areas. Questions to ask, who do we ask and how do we ask.

The commission members volunteered suggestions to the different areas of question.

What do we ask?

- Does the teen center programming reach diverse groups of teens? Identified among the peer groups were special needs teens, athletic teens and academic grouping of teens.
- What are young people doing after school who don't participate in athletics?
- What is people's perception of the teen center?
- What activities have been most effective in drawing in participants?
- What compels young people to participate?
- Is money a factor?
- Are parents happy with what activities are available?
- Why don't teens participate in activities?
- Are teens happy with what activities are available?
- What would the ideal teen center look like to you?
- Are weekends, evenings or afterschool better suited for participation?
- How much do your friends influence what you do?
- How do you get your information? Text, Tweet, E-mail?
- Is there a need for the teen center?
- Are there teen centers in adjacent towns? If so what are they doing that we can learn from?

Who do we ask?

- School Administrators
- Parents
- Teens - all groups
- Selectmen

How do we ask?

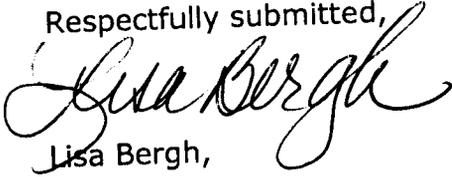
- Surveys
- Voting boxes
- Interviews
- Focus groups
- Student Advisory Group
- Events

Tonight's meeting was to gather and share information that will assist in the planning and needs assessment for the teens in Bethel.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Lisa Bergh made a motion which was seconded by Bob Korin to adjourn the meeting. Vote taken, meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lisa Bergh". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Lisa Bergh,

Recording Secretary