



YOUTH COMMISSION

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, August 21, 2007
Teen Center

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Members present: Lisa Bergh, Shani Burke-Specht, Kim Keough, Richard Merritt, Terri Nackid and Janice Stevenson. The meeting was called to order at 6:47pm.

R. Merritt entertained a motion to move the introduction of the new Teen Center Director to the first Agenda item; J. Stevenson made the motion, L. Bergh seconded, motion carried. R. Merritt asked for a motion to schedule a Special Meeting to introduce the Teen Center Director when the Commission receives official word that the First Selectman has made the appointment and a contract has been signed. J. Stevenson made the motion, S. Burke-Specht seconded, motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT

Lisa Ackerly, soon to be graduate student writing teacher, made a presentation to the Commission requesting she be considered to teach a writing course to Teen Center members age 14 - 16. The Commission will refer Ms. Ackerly's credentials to the new Teen Center Director.

OLD BUSINESS

L. Bergh discussed the Center's dire maintenance issues with First Selectman Burke; he gave verbal authorization for Commission Members to spearhead a "cleaning day" to help prepare the building for opening day. L. Bergh announced Sportsplex has offered to donate used exercise equipment to the Center; T. Nackid receives offers for used furniture, games, etc. Commission Members are obviously anxious to work with the new Director to get the Teen Center open soon.

NEW BUSINESS

T. Nackid was contacted by James York, cable sportscaster interested in running the Bethel Skateboard Park; she will refer him to Parks and Rec. T. Nackid went on to report that she has personally surveyed skateboard parks, both locally and abroad; she found *most* open to the Public, operating under posted rules and warnings, free of liability. She motioned the Commission request time on the Selectmen's Agenda to request the re-opening of the Skateboard Park. S. Burke-Specht seconded, motion unanimously passed.

Commission moved into Executive Session.

Having come out of Executive Session, R. Merritt entertained a motion to accept J. Stevenson as Commission Vice-Chairperson; K. Keough made the motion;

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S. Burke-Specht seconded, motion carried unanimously.

A Special Meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 6th at 6:30pm.

The next regular meeting will be held 9/18/07 at 6:45pm in the Teen Center.

S. Burke-Specht motioned to adjourn, L. Bergh seconded, meeting adjourned at 8:12pm

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Orsino

