



## YOUTH COMMISSION

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### REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, November 20, 2007

Pro Access

Members present: Lisa Bergh, Richard Merritt, Terri Nackid, Shani Burke-Specht, Janice Stevenson and Hilda DeLucia, Teen Center Director. Kim Keough was absent.

The meeting was called to order at 6:50pm.

Chairman R. Merritt asked for a motion to accept the 10/16/07 meeting minutes; J. Stevenson made the motion, T. Nackid seconded; motion passed.

#### PUBLIC INPUT

There was no Public Input.

Hilda DeLucia presented the Director's monthly report: she is networking with the Middle School PTO leaders, Rev. David Pople and Sister Anne McCarthy to encourage their support of Pro Access and its programs. Pro Access sponsored a "Haunting of Bethel" field trip and Halloween Party at the Stony Hill Fire House; cooking classes, Burgers, Fries & Friends, and after school activities in the General Purpose Room at the Municipal Center. There are currently 46 members from grades 7 thru 12, and High School students with special needs will be invited to the Tuesday & Thursday activities. Jessely of the Young Chef's Academy conducted the cooking class and will teach cookie baking in December; a field trip to her facility is being considered. Teens have been invited to help with the Social Services Giving Tree, and the proposed fundraising raffle is in the planning stages for the New Year.

#### OLD BUSINESS

L. Bergh explained the process of the terms and rotations of Commission Members' posts, filling vacancies and acquiring new appointments. This will help determine current Members' terms and expiration dates; the Commission still has an opening for an Un-affiliated or Independent, and an Ex-officio Student member age 15-18.

#### NEW BUSINESS

S. Burke-Specht suggested the Commission re-visit drafting a letter to the First Selectman requesting that the Skateboard Park be re-opened under the management of Parks and Recreation with a "skate at you own risk" policy. After extensive research, it has been determined that it is *not necessary* to require an Association to oversee the Park's operation. Discussion was tabled to the next meeting.

R. Merritt entertained a motion that **The Bethel Youth Commission meet at 6:45pm on the third Tuesday of each month, the January, 2008 - January, 2009 calendar as follows:**

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**(2) Youth Commission continued**

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| <b>January 15, 2008</b>  | <b>August 19, 2008</b>    |
| <b>February 19, 2008</b> | <b>September 16, 2008</b> |
| <b>March 18, 2008</b>    | <b>October 21, 2008</b>   |
| <b>April 15, 2008</b>    | <b>November 18, 2008</b>  |
| <b>May 20, 2008</b>      | <b>December 16, 2008</b>  |
| <b>June 17, 2008</b>     | <b>January 20, 2009</b>   |
| <b>July 15, 2008</b>     |                           |

S. Burke-Specht made a motion to accept, J. Stevenson seconded, motion passed unanimously.

The Commission went into Executive Session at 7:48pm.

The Commission came out of Executive Session at 8:09pm.

There being no further business, L. Bergh motioned to adjourn at 8:12pm, S. Burke-Specht seconded, motion passed.

**The next regular meeting will be December 18, 2007, 6:45pm at Pro Access.**

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Orsino

