

## Cheshire Youth Services Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday September, 26 2011 7:00pm

Cheshire Town Hall

**Attendance:** L. Vendetto, W. Kalinowski, J. Garner, C. Nash, Z. Feldman, S. Nag, I. Pactor. Staff: M. Piccerillo, P. Harris.

**Call to Order:** J. Garner called the meeting to order at 7:03pm, led the Pledge of Allegiance and determined a quorum. The committee and staff introduced themselves, which served as roll call.

**Report from Battle of the Bands:** M. Piccerillo reported the event raised close to one thousand dollars. There was good attendance and was a successful fundraiser. C. Nash suggested finding a feature artist to draw more attendance.

**Youth and Social Services Report:** M. Piccerillo reported that the Youth and Social Services Committee and the Senior Services Committee have been combined. M. Piccerillo will serve as director of Human Services and S. Farrell will serve as Senior Center Coordinator. This will save the town some money and give the opportunity for additional benefits such as intergenerational programs.

**Preparation for Strategic Planning Session:** M. Piccerillo advised the committee on the Strategic Planning Session scheduled for 7:00pm Thursday October 27, 2011. This session will provide an opportunity for the Youth Services and Human Services Committees to discuss the pros and cons of combining the two committees. M. Piccerillo encouraged all members to attend. P. Harris stated that the Human Services committee shared the many of the same concerns as the Youth Services Committee regarding the combination of the two committees. She also encouraged the Youth Services committee to have a clear mission statement they could share at the planning session to help relay the focus of the committee. M. Piccerillo stated there will be presentations of programs from all departments as a whole and is optimistic the planning session will go well.

**New Business:** M. Piccerillo stated there was tremendous success of planned Yellow House events on the middle school level, but seem to have issues drawing high school students. She would like a group to get together to discuss ways to boost attendance. There is a new program started for 6<sup>th</sup> graders also.

M. Piccerillo stated the need for a new 7<sup>th</sup> grade representative for the Youth Services committee. She also shared the resignation letter from Kathleen.

L. Vendetto made a motion to cancel the October 24, 2011 Youth Services meeting in lieu of the Strategic Planning Session scheduled in October. C. Nash seconded. All members were in favor.

**Adjournment:** L. Vendetto made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by W. Kalinowski. All members were in favor.

Submitted by  
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