

## CHESHIRE YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Monday, October 28, 2013. 7pm

Cheshire Town Hall

**Attendance:** M. Piccerillo, W. Kalinowsky, C.Nash, J. Garner, L. Vendetto, A. Velparthy, M.Seigel, Z. Feldman, M. Firtel, M. Wynne, R. Solla

**Call to Order:** Z. Feldman called the meeting to order, led the Pledge of Allegiance and led introductions which served as roll call.

**Membership:** The committee welcomes new members R. Solla and M. Wynne. The committee is still in need of a 7<sup>th</sup> grade representative. The committee may still need a school liaison, a police liaison and a town liaison. If anyone has an idea of any other agency that would need to be represented let M. Piccerillo know. All liaisons will be invited to the November meeting.

**Old Business:** M. Piccerillo gave a recap of what the Youth Services Committee has been responsible for in past years. She welcomes any new ideas.

**New Business:** M. Piccerillo reviewed the information on the LPC grant that was explained at the Ocotber meeting. She explained the committee has a say in how the money from grant is spent. The committee could continue to fund some of the projects that have been done in the past and would have approximately \$2,500 left to be used. M. Picerillo suggested taking a positive approach to prevention this year. She suggested the committee use the Search Institutes 40 developmental assets that communities have to influence young people. The committee could also use the Search Institute survey to see how many assets are used in Cheshire. The committee could focus on educating the community on the 40 assets and get the survey for middle and high school and support the assets that already exist. M. Piccerillo handed out the information about the Search Institute to the committee members. The committee could put an ad in the newspaper once a month. W.Kalinowski asked if there were any full or half day workshops that would be useful. M. Picerillo stated that there is a trainer that can come to the November meeting. The Search Institute already has some data collected on Cheshire and the surrounding areas that would help us in identifying the assets we may already have. The target age would be 12-18 years. M. Picerillo stated this is a good concrete starting point for the committee to focus on. She suggested the committee approach the schools to start the survey. She also suggested one of the youth members help present the information. Z. Feldman volunteered.

**Approval of Minutes:** J. Garner made a motion to approve the November 2012 and September 2013 minutes. L. Vendetto seconded. All members were in favor.

**Adjournment:** C. Nash made a motion to adjourn. M. Seigel seconded. All members were in favor.

Respectfully submitted

Leighanne Hartshorn

Recording Secretary

