

YOUTH COMMISSION VIRTUAL MEETING

MEETING MINUTES

May 20, 2021

Attendance:

Board Members: Gretchen Bean, Sherry Clark, Joan Clementi, Gily Schneider-Nachum,
Jennifer Lipton-O'Connor and Sandy Scott

Staff Members: Doreen Genna and Ayako Reich

Motion to Open the Meeting: Made by Gily Schneider-Nachum, seconded by Joan Clementi

Next Meeting Date: June 17, 2021 (Question as to the meeting being on Zoom or In-Person)

Review of Minutes: None to Review

Director's Report: Presented by Ayako Reich

- Town Office's reopening update – members were brought up to date as to the gradual reopening of the Town Offices.
- Graduate Internship Program – Ayako summarized the work that has been done by our Intern, Abdulateef Aljarboua. She then went on to explain that his last day is June 4, 2021.
- Program Overview – Ayako explained to the Board that with the introduction of INTERFACE, the case numbers seemed to have leveled off. This is good news because this referral system appears to be working. However, due to COVID, it is expected that there will be an increase in demand for services offered by Family and Youth Services. Doreen Genna also presented a summary of what she has been working on since the last Youth Commission Meeting.
- Website Update – Ayako presented the changes made to the department website, with a goal of increasing the number of residents learning about and utilizing our services.
- Feedback on a Case – Ayako presented a case to the Board, with the goal of brainstorming additional services that may be helpful to this family. Board Members will also look into service organizations within the Town (i.e. Lion's Club, Rotary Club, Boy/Girl Scouts) to see if they would also be able to assist this family.

Board Members: Sherry Clark expressed an interest in creating a support group for residents who have family members dealing with mental health issues.

Other Business: The question was raised as to whether summer activities could be planned to help Town youth to engage socially. It was suggested to reach out to the Recreation Department to discuss such programming.

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting: Made by Joan Clementi, seconded by Gily Schneider-Nachum.