
YFS Minutes 01/03/2017

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Old Saybrook Youth & Family Services Commission Meeting
Minutes January 3, 2017; 5:30 pm
322 Main Street, Old Saybrook, CT 06475

Members Present:

Sam Barnes, Chairman, Dept of Police Svcs. representative
Jennifer Welsh, Vice Chairman, At-Large Member
Lisa Castro, School Representative
Philip Max Ledwith, Student Representative
Christi Staples, PCI Housing Representative
Sharon Tiezzi, At-large member

Also Present:

Heather McNeil, Director Y&FS
Gerri Lewis, Clerk

Absent:

Jonathan Paradis, Secretary; Parks and Recreation Representative
Mary Kennedy, Public Health Nursing Board Representative
Kiwon-Paul Dionne Jee, Student Representative
Sarah Anderson, Student Representative
Sophie Alden, Student Representative

I.	<u>Call to Order</u> Chairman Barnes called the meeting to order at 5:34 pm. He welcomed attendees.
II.	<u>Pledge of Allegiance</u> Chairman Barnes led the pledge of allegiance.
III.	<u>Comments from the Public</u> None
IV.	<u>Review and Approval of Minutes</u> A motion made by Ms. Tiezzi to approve the minutes of December 12, 2016, was seconded by Ms. Castro and was so VOTED with 2 abstentions.
V.	<u>Chairman's Comments</u> Chairman Barnes welcomed everyone and wished them a Happy New Year.
VI.	<u>Director's Report</u> Ms. McNeil thanked everyone for coming and wished all a Happy New Year. <ul style="list-style-type: none">Ms. McNeil discussed the Youth & Family Services and Social Services budgets for 2017-2018. She reported that the town has moved from employing three basic expense categories to seven categories to align with State reporting requirements. Ms. McNeil also explained the legislative mandates. She discussed what was included in the new numbering system and described several of the line items. She noted briefly for the commission the new Sungard accounting system. Ms. McNeil noted that in the Personnel line item she would be asking for more hours or another part time person. In looking ahead there is a need for a Program Coordinator position. She explained that repairs and maintenance expenses are up; vacation coverage needed. Parking lot is in need of work. Ms. McNeil noted that other than two step increases and contractual increases, the budget is flat. Ms. Staples asked about the effect of the State cuts to which Ms. McNeil replied that she tries to anticipate cuts and then tries to generate revenues to offset the losses. Ms. McNeil reported that the total increase is 3.4%.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. McNeil discussed the Social Services department, run by Ms. Consoli. She noted that Ms. Consoli runs a tight ship, always looking for ways to be proactive. She noted that Ms. Consoli has been working with Clinton Social Services. She runs the Access Health and SNAP programs and now there is a dental health clinic. Ms. McNeil noted that Ms. Consoli found a program of free computers for families that qualify. She noted that the Social Services budget increased by 1.8%. After a short discussion the following motions were made: <p>Chairman Barnes made a motion to approve the Y&FS 2017-2018 budget, seconded by Ms. Tiezzi and was so VOTED unanimously.</p> <p>Chairman Barnes made a motion to approve the Social Services 2017-2018 budget, seconded by Ms. Tiezzi and was so VOTED unanimously.</p>
VII.	Old Business – Ms. McNeil reported on holiday giving: 115 families were served.
VIII.	New Business - None
IX.	<u>Other Business</u> – None
X.	<p><u>Adjournment</u> – A motion to adjourn at 6:14 p.m. by Chairman Barnes seconded by Ms. Tiezzi was so VOTED unanimously.</p> <p>Submitted: Gerri Lewis, Clerk</p>