

**Old Saybrook Youth & Family Services**

**Commission Meeting**

**Tuesday, June 4, 2019; 5:30 P.M.**

**Youth & Family Services Offices,**

**322 Main Street, Old Saybrook, CT 06475**

*“To collaboratively support and advocate for positive relationships in an inclusive community”*

<b>I. Roll Call</b>	<p><b>Attendant Members:</b> Jennifer Welsh, Chair; Jonathan Paradis, Old Saybrook Parks and Recreation; Mary Ann Iadarola, Public Nursing Board Representative, Mike Rafferty, Retired Educator</p> <p><b>Absent Members:</b> Lisa Castro, Old Saybrook Middle School Counselor, Sharon Tiezzi, Member-at-large, Michael Spera, Chief of Police</p> <p><b>Student Representatives:</b> Liam Welsh, Peter McNeil, Abbie Woodford</p> <p><b>Absent Student Representatives:</b> Carissa Schilke</p> <p><b>Attendant Staff:</b> Heather McNeil, Executive Director Angela Gaidry, Recording Clerk</p>
<b>II. Call to Order</b>	<p>J. Welsh called the meeting to order at 5:34 PM. Pledge of Allegiance</p>
<b>III. Comments from the Public</b>	<p>No one from the public was present.</p>
<b>IV. Approval of Minutes</b>	<p><b>Motion</b> made by M. Iadarola to approve the minutes of Tuesday, May 7, 2019 as presented. The motion was seconded by L. Welsh and approved.</p>
<b>V. Chairman’s Comments</b>	<p>J. Welsh thanked graduating OSHS senior student reps Liam and Peter for dedication and devotion to YFS</p>
<b>VI. Director’s Report for 5/07/2019</b>	<p><b>Thank You’s</b> M. Rafferty provided his thanks and complimented them on being excellent reps. Also, acknowledged and said thank you and good-bye to Abbie Woodford, returning to England. She will be missed. Special welcome to new student rep, K. Wisialowski and briefly explained the process. Commission is visible, advocate for the agency and what’s important to the community, students, etc.</p> <p><b>Student Reps Feedback</b> P. McNeil valued his time on the commission. Senior project Unity Pole. L. Welsh reiterated that as a student he felt comfortable to bring any issues/concerns to commission as a resource for help. A. Woodford felt it was great experience as a student, felt her voice was heard and important for all students to be involved in some capacity with town government, good learning experience to interact with adults, members of the community, etc.</p> <p><b>Prevention</b> E3 students present @ OSHS throughout the health classes, etc. Also presented at CAPP conference.</p>

	<p>H. McNeil studying to become a certified prevention specialist to help apply for additional grants. LEAD conference in November.</p> <p>Looking to grow support groups for students to help w/dealing with parents/family w/substance issues or concerns. Planning a seminar with a law firm re: Social Hosting Liability.</p> <p>Upcoming planning:  Parent Support Group 1x month- topics for parents, relationships, etc.  Positive Youth Development Programming  Leadership Development Academy</p> <p><b>Other</b>  Westbrook Elks Club Wine Tasting, evening of Fri June 7- benefits Old Saybrook and Westbrook Youth &amp; Family Services.  Wilderness Challenge- will be part of DCF prevention grant (this will help with student affordability of program)  Summer Trips 2019 including Waterfire Trip to Providence, RI August 17th</p>
<b>VII. Old Business</b>	Nothing to report.
<b>VIII. New Business</b>	<p><b>Action steps and advocacy or report on initiatives by Commission members</b></p> <p>Summer breakfast mtg. <b>Tuesday, August 13@ 9AM</b></p> <p>Next Regular YFS Commission meeting scheduled for <b>September 3, 2019@ 6:00PM</b></p>
<b>IX. Other Business</b>	Nothing to report.
<b>X. Adjournment</b>	<b>Motion</b> made by P. McNeil to adjourn the meeting at 6:10PM. The motion was seconded by L. Welsh and approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Angela Gaidry, Recording Clerk