

**Old Saybrook Youth & Family Services
Commission Meeting
Tuesday, June 1, 2021; 5:00 PM
Via Teleconference Due to COVID19/Corona Virus State of CT Public Health Emergency**

YFS Commission Meeting Playlist:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLKX0JMf1KPp8lRBZS_ZdP8IwLPaujsfIH

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

I. Roll Call	<p>Attendant Members: Mike Rafferty, Chair; Michael Spera, Chief of Police; Lisa Castro, Old Saybrook Middle School Counselor; David Plotkin, Community At-Large Member; Jeff Harder, Community At-Large Member, Jonathan Paradis, Old Saybrook Parks and Recreation, Mary Ann Iadarola, Public Health Nursing Board Representative</p> <p>Absent Members: - Student Representatives: -</p> <p>Absent Student Representatives: Libby Stuart, Joe Bradley, Kyle Wisialowski</p> <p>Attendant Staff: Heather McNeil, Executive Director Angela Gaidry, Commission Clerk</p>
II. Call to Order	Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm by M. Rafferty Pledge of Allegiance
III. Comments from the Public	No comments.
IV. Approval of Minutes	Motion made by J. Harder to approve the minutes of Tuesday, May 4, 2021 as presented. The motion was seconded by M. Iadarola and approved.
V. Chairman's Comments	<p>M. Rafferty:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Credit to H. McNeil, YFS staff, and outside partners for the many wonderful programs. All ages represented.
VI. Director's Report for 6/01/2021	<p><u>Summer Programming 2021</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YFS receives requests for topics from various community members, other shoreline towns & YSBs- range in presentation size - not all large groups Flexibility via virtual – allows people from all over to attend (not just locally) or watch the recordings on their time • Summer program offerings should be released Fri 6/4 and Central Office 6/7 (calendar of programs for parent resources) • Community Partners (example Parks & Rec) – try not to overlap in programming though there may be some overlap on occasion, as we appeal to many of the same groups or demographics, etc. • Clinical programming (incl. communication, social skills, conflict resolution skills) and Prevention/Youth Development Programming (grades 3-12) • Scholarship funding available- J. Paradis (Parks & Rec) & S. Consoli (Social Services), L. Castro & S. Diaz students @ OSMS • Wilderness Challenge (6/23-6/25) is on this year. 7 students, all boys. Virtual orientation last week went well. Pre-course activity begins Friday. YFS Intern will work B. Partyka.

	<p><u>Prevention Efforts/Local Prevention Council & YFS with Middlesex County YSBs:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislation action. Presentation with Chamber of Commerce, PLOT (Progressive Leaders of Tomorrow), Legislative Breakfast with representative very well attended. C. Costa and C. Fortuna in attendance as well. <p><u>United Way Funding: Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Initiative</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middlesex United Way funding through the years has decreased over time due to their resources. Happy with our programming. Partially fund a small amount of OSECC (B. Eckert position) • Eliminating the funding for Assets in Action. • Want YSBs in a joint project for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. Training with State Education Resource Center – uncomfortable and challenging conversations in the schools and then within community. Absolutely onboard and will be part of it, however, need to address how to fund what YSBs have been doing (Assets in Action- youth programming) • Other civic organizations have continued to help with funding for Youth Action Council (YAC) - Public Health Nursing Board, Rotary Club, Exchange Club, etc. And YFS will need to find additional resources to continue the programming. Re: Future of YAC- will need to seek student input and high school administrators for interest level, what they want to do, etc. <p>Next Year - Need student representatives; awaiting responses.</p> <p>M. Rafferty sent cards to 2 YFS staff members for life events.</p> <p>Community Day 2021 will not happen this fall, however hope to plan for 2022.</p> <p>Chamber of Commerce moved their summer art show to October.</p>
VII. Old Business	Nothing to report.
VIII. New Business	Action steps and advocacy or report on initiatives by Commission members. Next YFS Commission meeting Fall TBD.
IX. Other Business	Nothing to report.
X. Adjournment	Motion made by M. Iadarola to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Chief Spera. M. Rafferty adjourns the meeting at 5:16PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Angela Gaidry, Recording Clerk