

Milford Youth Commission  
In-Person Meeting  
June 14, 2022  
6:15 pm  
Milford Youth Center, Conference Room, 2nd Floor  
24 Pearl Street, Milford, MA 01757

**Call to Order**

At 6:22 pm, Vice-Chair Rickert called the meeting to order. Seconded by Ariaa Bryan.

**In attendance:** Vice-Chair, Brendan Rickert; Jason Vaz. Sandra Caproni; Stacy Darling; Darlene Dulude; John Dulude; Ariaa Bryan; Chuck Calagione. **MYC Staff:** Jen Ward; Emily Stienstra.

**Staff:** Dale Michaud. **Absent:** Michelle Stokes, Steve Sousa. **Guests:** None.

**A. New Business**

1. Board Membership:

i. Board Reappointment (see attached)

- At Town Meeting, Chair Steve Sousa was reappointed for a 3-year term expiring 6/30/25
- At Town Meeting, Michelle Stokes was reappointed for a 3-year term expiring 6/30/25

ii. Board leadership annual elections

- Chair
- Vice-Chair
- Secretary

Leadership elections will be considered at the next meeting.

2. Approve Meeting Minutes: 4/29/22 & 5/10/22

**MOTION:** Vice-Chair Rickert motioned to approve the meeting minutes of 4/29/22 and 5/10/22. Seconded by Sandra Caproni.

**Vote:** Ariaa Bryan and Chuck Calagione abstained as they were not present at the meetings. All in favor by voice vote. None opposed. 6-0-2 Motion carries.

3. Fund Balance as of 5/31/22: \$ 44,305.87

- If the Center doesn't get Teacher's Driving Academy (TDA) funding next year, we'll have to run an annual fundraiser, and learn whether the YMCA will do the golf tournament.
- Ms. Ward will ask the Town whether the mileage reimbursement has increased.

4. Signing of warrants:

- 22-46 State Account for \$106.67
- 22-47 State Account for \$5,000.00
- 22-48 State Account for \$124.77
- 22-50 State Account for \$4.33

**MOTION:** Vice-Chair Rickert motioned to approve signing the warrants: 22-46 State Account for \$106.67; 22-47 State Account for \$ 5,000.00; 22-48 State Account for \$124.77; 22-50 State Account for \$4.33. Seconded by Darlene Dulude.

**Vote:** All in favor by voice vote. None opposed. 8-0-0 Motion carries.

5. CraftRoots Fundraiser:

- v. Friday, 9/9/22 with PubKings, 6:00-9:00 pm
- vi. See revised letter attached – Thank you Stacy!
  - Mr. Rickert confirmed the letter has not been printed.
  - Ms. Ward is waiting for an updated list of businesses from the Town Clerk.
- vii. Board Members help with raffles!
  - Need donations:
    - Do we still have that autographed the Patriots' football?
    - Ms. Dulude has baskets with themes.
    - Ms. Ward will post needed items on social media confident that parents will donate.
  - Two different fliers, one with beer advertised, one without
  - Ms. Ward will reach out to Oliva's and Jimmy's for food assortment options.
  - Mr. Rickert - Are there Boy Scouts' skate park items? Could add wheels as a project.
  - Ms. Ward said a Blackstone Valley Tech (BVT) student will spearhead this project.
  - Mr. Vaz helped to clean out Ron's Workshop.
- viii. 10 tickets/staff and board members \$30/ticket, comes with beer
  - Members' goal is to sell 10 tickets each.
    - Ms. Ward gave members envelopes of numbered tickets.
    - She included a sheet to track ticket sales in case someone loses a ticket.
    - We will have a record of the donation, so they still get a free beer.
- ix. Two Awardees
  - This item was not discussed at this meeting.
- x. Future scholarship – allocate \$1,000 each year
  - This item was not discussed at this meeting.

6. Program Coordinator's Position approval/update

- Two final candidates
  - Ms. Ward and Ms. Stienstra recommend either Aaron Aniballi or Amy Creid.
    - Aaron would be excellent although he already has summer commitments.
    - Amy Creid is a current volunteer. She's very passionate about kids and program.
    - Ms. Darling asked for the "Yes" list of candidates.
    - The HR Director went through the candidate resumes.

**MOTION:** Vice-Chair Rickert motioned to offer the Program Coordinator position to Aaron Aniballi with a start date of no later than August 29 with acceptance of the position by June 24. If he declines, offer the position to Amy Creid. Seconded by John Dulude.

**Vote:** All in favor by voice vote. None opposed. 8-0 Motion carries.

**B. Invitation to Speak - No one spoke.**

**C. Director's Report:**

- 1. After School Program:
  - a. May enrollment: See attachment
    - Snack, dinner, and attendance has averaged 95 students per day

- b. June Programs as reported by Ms. Stienstra - See attachment
    - We are closing out regular programming in the first two weeks of June
    - Incorporate unique programming: board game tournament, relaunch before Christmas
    - Pickle ball
    - Senior Center donated their board
  - c. Escape the Room - See flier
    - This was a huge hit! Make it a future fundraiser?
  - d. End of the Year Party - See flier
    - June 21, Hello Summer End of Year Celebration
  - e. Book Club Update - See attachment
    - Ms. Stienstra worked with Milford head reading teacher, Juliette, to create curriculum
      - Ms. Stienstra created a list of 60 books
      - Different book each month
      - Questions tie different books together giving them freedom to choose.
      - Ms. Stienstra would like to have the Library showcase the same books.
  - f. Worcester State Undergraduate Internship/Practicum - Kallie Tavano - started May 16th
    - Mental health idea
      - She does some summer registration
      - A transgender youth was reluctant to attend the Center
      - Ms. Tavano will research possible bathroom solutions
      - She will research training for MYC staff.
      - She will present possible solutions to Board members.
2. Summer Camp:
- a. Registration closes June 24th
  - b. Scholarship requests sent out:
    - i. The Rockland Trust Charitable Foundation: \$ 5,000
    - ii. Community donations:
      - Dolores Ivester - \$350
      - Maria Oregon, Grace Lavalley and Elaine McNanna - \$ 175
3. MassAccess Spring Conference Meeting:
- a. Milford TV requested MYC do a presentation on volunteer retention
    - Ms. Stienstra said two boys are fully committed to work with Milford TV.
    - One is making a logo with a combination of MYC and Milford TV.
      - He will present 3 ideas to Board members.
  - b. Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:10 pm at Framingham Sheraton
  - c. Presentation (without testimonials)  
[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1vx9zZTmX\\_EUuUR1TnV-DIQdu3iO\\_9\\_gG/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=109406647077551517273&rtpof=true&sd=true](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1vx9zZTmX_EUuUR1TnV-DIQdu3iO_9_gG/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=109406647077551517273&rtpof=true&sd=true)
    - Coming this Friday. Ms. Ward shared the presentation with members.
    - Schools and Milford TV will have the presentation including testimonials

- d. Help needed from 2:00-2:45 to open the After School program
  - Mr. Vaz and Ms. Stokes offered to help. Joanna will also help.
- 4. Rentals/Other MYC Programs:
  - a. Online Google calendar short link: <https://tinyurl.com/MYCrentals>
    - A free demo was provided today to 3-4 families
  - b. Rental Update:
    - i. Apple Country Music FREE demo
    - ii. Adult Open Gym on Wednesday nights
      - 7-8 folks, then zero, zero again. May not do it this Summer, reinstate in the Fall
      - Air conditioning system work will begin in the Fall
    - iii. Kids Play: Last one June 9<sup>th</sup>!
      - Joanna - the kids aged 0-5 years love her
- 5. Building Updates:
  - a. Town Meeting Article for water damages approved.
  - b. Met with Architect & Milford TV for a Media Room on May 13
  - c. Mike Volpe of ANP Bellingham donated funds to have Nydam Landscaping come by this month to conduct some landscaping and clean-up.
  - d. Ron's Workshop area to be complete before July 1
    - Framing done; electrical to begin soon
  - e. HVAC – April 1:
    - All subcontractors are under contract
    - Materials have been purchased
    - Waiting on lead times for materials
    - Waiting for a condenser part
    - Other project will begin in September
  - f. Gym Floor maintenance: 6/22/22 – at least 3 days off
- 6. Donation/Grant Updates:
  - a. See newsletter for monthly updates for miscellaneous donations
  - b. Goldfish Swim School — Milford lessons continue
  - c. 2021-2022 Youth Development Grant Award - Foundation for MetroWest: \$5,000
  - d. Greater Worcester Community Foundation - \$2,000
  - e. YouthWorks jobs available!
    - Finalize before Friday - 20 of 27 positions are filled

7. Other:
  - a. Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 12, 2022 @ 6:15

The listing of matters above are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items may be discussed, and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.

### **Adjourn**

**MOTION:** Vice-Chair Rickert motioned to adjourn at 7:47 pm. Seconded by Jason Vaz.

**Vote:** All in favor by voice vote. None opposed. 8-0 Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

Dale Michaud  
Recording Secretary

### **Documents**

- Board Reappointment List - see attached
- Warrant 22-46 State Account for \$106.67
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- Letter regarding CraftRoots fundraiser 9/9/22
- May & June After School Program fliers
- Escape the Room flier
- End of the Year Party flier
- Book Club flier
- Link to MYC Slide Presentation 2022
- Link to MYC Program Calendar
- 4/29/22 and 5/10/22 MYC Minutes