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Milford Youth Commission Minutes
August 18, 2021

Members present in person: Jen Ward, Emily Barnes, Ariea Bryan, Paige Brown, Darlene Dulude, John Dulude, Sandra Caponi, Chuck Calagione, Brendan Rickert, Michelle Stokes (phone), RJ Sheedy, Jay Vaz

Members Absent: Steve Sousa

- Meeting called to order by Chuck Calagione at 5:00pm, seconded by Paige Brown and all in favor via roll call.
- Jen Ward review of Employment Updates - Some interviews have been done, but there have been fewer applications than they would have liked. Requested & Board agreed to leave the After School positions open for application until at least September.
- Emily Barnes review of CraftRoots Fundraiser (on 9/17/21):
 - (1) New Human and CraftRoots have been notified that they are awardees
 - (2) Food truck & band will already be on site
 - (3) Working on adding a QR code for social media/ marketing donations for those that can't attend but would like to donate.
- Jen Ward review of Donations & Grants :
 - Jim Ligor & Rob DeDominick business fundraiser campaign goal of \$15-20K - need to improve communication process so we better understand who has donated and they are appropriately thanks. Pepperoncini's mentioned to Michelle Stokes they donated, but Jen hasn't been notified. Corner St. Market also made a donation, as did Marchegiano Club. Michelle Stokes to look into donations from Milford Youth Football. Paige Brown to also look into donation from Milford Youth Lacrosse.
- Jen Ward review of Open House (on 9/1/21) - Five staff members will be present to answer questions for families, some Board members will be present as well. Families will also be able to explore the facilities on their own. Registration will be available via QR code or paper forms.
- Jen Ward review of old Bylaw that allows for up to 21 board members. As a Board we can submit a warrant article at the Town Meeting to limit the number to 9 members, as a large board bigger than the

current 11, could make reaching voting consensus more difficult. Town of Milford is also looking to possibly create a consistent guideline of 9 board members across all Town boards, for the same reason. If it is agreed upon to cap out board at 9 members, given that our current number is 11, no one will be asked to resign. Eventually, the 9 will be reached after attrition once members terms have ended.

- Motion by Sandra Caponi to support submitting the article, seconded by Darlene Dulude, and all in favor via roll call except RJ Sheedy (voted not in favor). Brendan Rickert suggested creating a subcommittee to research the article language. Initial subcommittee to consist of Brendan Rickert, Chuck Calagione and RJ Sheedy. Warrant article is due September 16, 2021.
- Jen Ward review of Building Updates - Upcoming meeting with Rick Villani & Francoise Eloise (volunteer grant writer) to discuss fundraising to support new HVAC.
- No formal complaint was filed, therefore executive session now not necessary.
- Motion by RJ Sheedy to adjourn at 5:26pm, seconded by Brendan Rickert, and all in favor via roll call

Next meeting September 13, 2021 at 6:15 pm.