

**YOUTH COMMISSION**  
**CJH MUNICIPAL CENTER**  
**PARKS AND RECREATION ACTIVITY ROOM**  
**1 SCHOOL STREET**  
**May 18, 2010**  
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**PRESENT:**

Chairman, Richard Merritt, Members: Bob Korin, Lisa Bergh, Kate Shea, Kristin Nauheimer, Jane Kraver and Ex-Officio teen member Jacquie Mancher. Devin Pedone present at 7:05 PM

Hilda Delucia, Pro-Access Teen Center Director, Claudia Fortunato, Assistant Director and Selectman, Richard Straiton was also present.

Chairman Rich Merritt called the meeting to order at 6:46 PM at which time he welcomed new Alternate member Kristin Nauheimer, which was followed by the pledge of allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Selectman, Richard Straiton appeared before the commission to exhibit his idea for creating a new teen center. His plan contained a rendering of a possible new home for the Pro-Access Teen Center. This proposed building would be located attached to the gym in the back parking lot. It would be a stand alone building. Selectman Straiton's drawing consists of a building that would offer 3,000 square feet, with a 30' x 62' open space with 4 additional rooms 2 of which would be 12'x17' and 2 at 8' x12'. In doing his research he found that the grant would possibly cover the amount for materials, however labor could be an issue with the requirement that prevailing wage be used for construction of the building. He contacted a builder to get an estimate for the construction of the building, in doing so he was told that from start to finish which included material, the project would cost approximately \$516,000.

He also noted that wherever the teen center eventually locates the grant should it be used for such purpose would lock the center in to that location for 11 years.

Discussion took place regarding the vacated VNA location downstairs next to the Senior Center. It is widely known that Kathy Oles is interested in the space, as is the Parks and Recreation department.

Selectman Straiton advised the commission that if there is an interest on behalf of the teens to occupy the VNA space that our intentions should be made clear to the Board of Selectmen.

With the time quickly approaching 7:30, Selectman Straiton noted he needed to leave in order to attend the Board of Selectman meeting held in Meeting Room "A".

Lisa Bergh made a motion to recess the meeting in order to attend the Board of Selectman's meeting as a group. Motion was seconded by Kate Shea. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Meeting recessed at 7:25 PM

Meeting reconvened at 7:45 PM.

\*During the recess and while present at the Board of Selectmen's meeting. Chairman Merritt spoke on behalf of the commission communicating the extreme need for a home for the Teen Center. Chairman Merritt noted that the Senior Center has space, the Parks and Recreation department has space, and the Teen Center has zero space.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Bob Korin made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of **March 16, 2010**. Motion was seconded by Devin Pedone. Vote taken, motion approved. Lisa Bergh and Jane Kraver abstained.

Devin Pedone made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from **April 20, 2010**. Motion was seconded by Kate Shea. Vote taken, minutes approved. Jane Kraver and Bob Korin abstained.

**DIRECTORS REPORT** Hilda Delucia presented the Director's Report. (See attached). Hilda reported a large turnout expected for Relay for Life. 22 Kids have committed consisting of 1 team with 15 kids and another with 7 kids with 5 Chaperones. The theme of this year's event is demolishing cancer 1 country at a time. Kristin Nauheimer and Kate Shea have volunteered to be chaperones.

Jacquie Mancher reported on the student advisory group, the meetings take place 1 time a month. The kids enjoy it so much they would like it to be held more frequently. There is a healthy cross section of both boys and girls with someone from each grade also present.

An idea to hold a "lockout" was agreed upon. This event is being held with the assistance of grant money made available. The \$1000.00 grant will go toward the rental of a coach bus, the events planned for this event will include among other things laser-tag and bowling. The date for the "lockout" will be July 16-July 17.

Another fun activity will be rental of a projector and large screen for a movie to be shown on a Friday evening on the front lawn of the municipal center. The cost for the rental will be \$450.00, paid for by another grant. In order to be able to offer this again in the future. A fee will be collected for this event and that will assist in paying for the rental in the future.

Discussion took place regarding the possible purchase of a projector and screen so that in the future it could be used as a fundraising event.

Hilda reported having collected \$470.00 for Haiti with the Rock Concert. Hilda rounded that amount out to \$500.00.

Hilda expressed the need to have someone write press releases, it was suggested that she contact the Journalism Department at West-Conn.

Lisa Bergh made a motion to re-appoint Jacquie Mancher as Ex-Officio member for her Senior Year. The motion was seconded by Kate Shea. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved

**NEW BUSINESS:** Chairman Merritt brought up the subject of fundraising.

Kristin let the commission know about a recent fundraiser her school held at Applebee's. She will be looking into it to obtain more details. It is unknown at this time how much is in the fundraising account tied to the Teen Center. Lisa will ask the finance department for this information and report back.

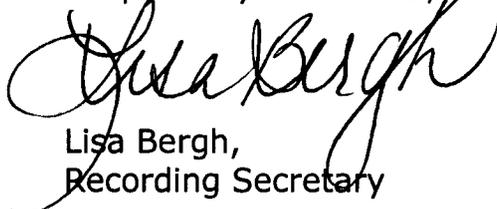
Kate Shea suggested a man-hunt game with water squirters and super soakers.

The next regular meeting of the Youth Commission will be held on June 15.

Motion to adjourn made by Kate Shea, motion seconded by Jane Kraver. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Bergh,  
Recording Secretary



I. Membership Update:

Grade	May '10 membership	Girls	Boys	April '10 membership	Girls	Boys	May '09 # of members
		May '10			April '10		
7	49	26	23	48	25	23	38
8	72	39	33	69	39	30	88
Freshman	108	37	71	108	37	71	47
Sophomore	51	13	38	51	13	38	40
Juniors	64	19	45	64	19	45	25
Seniors	41	10	31	41	10	31	28
Totals	385	144	241	381	143	238	266
<b>TOTAL COMPARISON</b>		1% monthly increase			45% increase from May '09		

II. Program Attendance (see report below)

III. Events/Programs for discussion

- a. Paintball
- b. Self-Defense Karate Class
- c. Basketball Tournament
- d. Rock Concert for Haite
- e. Movie Night
- f. Student Advisory Group
- g. Lock Out
- h. Printing and mailing of calendars

March 16, 2010 - April 17, 2010  
**PRO ACCESS ACTIVITY REPORT**

	Activity	Target Audience	Date	Number attended	Comments
1	Relay for Life Meeting	All Members	4/26	20	
2	Massages & Smoothies	All Members	4/27	6	
3	Famous Pizza	All Members	4/28	15	
4	Karate America – Self Defense Class	All Members	4/29	10	
5	Basketball Tournament	All Members	4/30	12	
6	\$5 Manicures	All Members	5/5	15	
7	Massages & Smoothies	All Members	5/6	5	
8	Open Gym	All Members	5/7	14	
9	Student Advisory Meeting	All Members	5/10	14	
10	Scavenger Hunt	All Members	5/11	9	
11	BFFs @ Jacquelines	All Members	5/12	0	
12	Open Gym	All Members	5/14	0	Cancelled
13	Rela for Life Meeting	All Members	5/17	17	
Total participants served in March/April				137	Avg. = 11 participants per program

During this same period (mid April – mid May) of 2009 264 participants were served with 22 programs for an average of 12 participants per program.