

**Preston Youth Service Bureau Youth Advisory Board
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, March 17, 2021
4:00 pm.
Teleconference**

Dr. Roy Seitsinger, called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

Roberta Charpentier stated *Per Lamont's Executive Order 7b, Participants are reminded to state their name and title before speaking. Also note that we will be recording this meeting to comply with open meeting requirements.*

1. Roll Call

Regular Members

Dr. Roy Seitsinger
Armando Bettini
Jessica Boucher
Rachel Tucker
Ray Bernier
Sandra Allyn-Gauthier
Melissa Lennon
Kim Litsey
Amanda Phelps
Zachary Robinson

Also Present

Amy Brosnan, Parks & Recreation Director
Roberta Charpentier, recording secretary

2. Public Comment

None

3. Acceptance of previous meeting minutes

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A motion was made by M. Lennon and seconded by R. Tucker to accept the February 17, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented.

All in favor. Motion carries.

4. Resignations/Appointments

a) Sandra Allyn-Gauthier

A motion was made by M. Lennon and seconded by A. Phelps to accept the resignation of Sandra Allyn-Gauthier from the Preston Youth Services Board, effective at the end of this meeting

Sandra Allyn-Gauthier abstained. All other members voted in favor.

Motion carries.

5. Board Reorganization

a) By Laws

M. Lennon noted that on the advise of Preston resident Nick Vegliante who is a lawyer she added a Mission Statement.

- Membership requirements follows the State Statute;

A youth representative under 21 years of age

1 from the school system

1 from police services

1 from a private youth organization

1/3 should not receive more than 50% of salary in a capacity serving children

- 3 year terms
- Regular attendance required
- Liaisons can participate in meetings but can not vote or make motions
- Three officers

Chairman

Vice Chairman

Secretary

- Role/Job

Follow the guidelines of the CT Department of Children and Families

Assess the needs of youth in Town through community surveys

Maintain Web Page

Seek ways to partner with other groups

Meet 8 times a year

Follow Robert's Rules of Order

R. Seitsinger noted that he thought the youth representative member should have voting rights.

R. Tucker asked if an alternate member should be considered.

After discussion R. Seitsinger stated that the proposed bylaws will be approved today, then an amendment will be added that will add an alternate member to the Board to be approved at the next meeting.

A motion was made by A. Phelps and seconded by R. Tucker to approve the Preston Youth Services Advisory Board bylaws as presented.

All in favor. Motion carries.

b) Member Organization

Terms:

Zachary Robinson – Youth Member 2019-2022

Armando Bettini – Resident State Trooper 2020 – 2023

Jessica Boucher – Preston School Representative 2021-2024

Kim Litsey – Private Youth Organization 2019-2022

Rachel Tucker 2020-2023

Amanda Phelps 2021-2024
Melissa Lennon 2019-2022
Vacancy 2020-2023
Vacancy 2020-2023

**A motion was made by R. Tucker and seconded by A. Phelps to accept the above list of terms of appointment as read by A. Brosnan.
All in favor. Motion carries**

c) Election of Officers

Rachel Tucker nominated Melissa Lennon as Chairperson of the Preston Youth Service Advisory Board
There were no other nominations

A motion was made by Amanda Phelps and seconded by Rachel Tucker to elect Melissa Lennon as Chairperson.

M. Lennon abstained. All other members voted in favor. Motion carries.

Rachel Tucker nominated Amanda Phelps as Vice Chairperson of the Preston Youth Service Advisory Board
There were no other nominations

There were no other nominations

A motion was made by Rachel Tucker and seconded by Melissa Lennon to elect Amanda Phelps as Vice Chairperson.

A. Phelps abstained. All other members voted in favor. Motion carries.

Melissa Lennon nominated Rachel Tucker as Secretary of the Preston Youth Service Advisory Board
There were no other nominations

A motion was made by Melissa Lennon and seconded by Amanda Phelps to elect Rachel Tucker as Secretary.

R. Tucker abstained. All other members voted in favor. Motion carries.

A motion was made by M. Lennon and seconded by A. Phelps that the Youth Service Advisory Board recommend that the BoS appoint Dr. Ivy Davis-Tomczuk and Ray Bernier to the position of Preston Public School liaison to the Board and also recommend Sandra Allyn-Gauthier as the Board of Selectman Representative.

All in favor. Motion carries.

6. Treasure Report

Monthly expense:

Part time staff: \$255

Program supplies: \$1255.85

YTD expenses: \$6683.20

Balance: \$21,316.80

A motion was made by M. Lennon and seconded by K. Litsey to accept the Treasurer Report as presented.

All in favor. Motion carries

7. Annual Report

A. Brosnan noted that the report is still in progress due to Phoenix being down.

8. Correspondence

a) Resignation from Sandra Allyn-Gauthier

b) Two thank you notes from senior residents who received snowmen through the “Art from the Heart” Program

9. Surveys

Discussion

- Changing wording on the Survey
- Age appropriate topics/questions

R. Seitsinger asked A. Brosnan to pull out the question discussed today, re-work the survey and bring it back next month for further discussion.

10. Programs & Activities

- Stress workshops are scheduled for March 31st , April 7th, April 21st and April 28th
- Art from the Heart, 25 kits were handed out
- Youth Services department has been created on the Town's website

11. Public Comment

None

12. Adjournment

A motion was made by M. Lennon and seconded by A. Phelps to adjourn the meeting at 6:03 pm

All in favor. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

