

**Preston Youth Services Bureau Advisory Board
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, April 21, 2021
4:00 pm.
Teleconference**

Call to Order & Roll Call

Chairwoman Melissa Lennon called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

Roberta Charpentier stated *Per Lamont's Executive Order 7b, Participants are reminded to state your name and title before speaking. Please help us make this conference call as useful as possible by keeping your phone on mute when not speaking. We are keeping the line open to all participants by default, but if background noise becomes a problem, we will mute all participants and ask participants to use "chat" to be selectively unmuted. Also note that we will be recording this meeting to comply with open meeting requirements.*

Regular Members

Melissa Lennon - Chairwoman
Dr. Roy Seitsinger - resigned
Armando Bettini - absent
Jessica Boucher – left at 4:30
Rachel Tucker
Kim Litsey
Amanda Phelps
Zachary Robinson - absent

Liaisons

Sandra Allyn-Gauthier – excused
Ray Bernier - absent
Ivy Davis-Tomczuk - excused

Also Present

Amy Brosnan, Parks & Recreation Director
Roberta Charpentier, recording secretary
Kasey Peek – left at 5:00

2. Public Comment

None

3. Approve Meeting Minutes

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A motion was made by R. Tucker and seconded by A. Phelps to approve the March 17, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented.

All in favor. Motion carries.

4. Correspondence

- a.** Letter of resignation from Dr. Roy Seitsinger

5. Financial Report

Monthly expenses:

- Like film \$500
- Art for the Heart 158
- Minutes \$85

YTD Balance:

- \$19, 996

A motion was made by R. Tucker and seconded by J. Boucher to waive on to the agenda Annual Report.

All in favor. Motion carries

6. Annual Report

A. Brosnan stated that the YSB received an extension from the BoF and she will be submitting it shortly.

7. Resignations/Appointments

A motion was made by A. Phelps and seconded by R. Tucker to accept regretfully the resignation of Dr. Roy Seitsinger as a YSB Member.

Discussion:

M. Lennon stated she would like to share her appreciation for Roy leading the Board after Bob Congdon stepped down as Chairman.

All in favor. Motion carries.

A motion was made by R. Tucker and seconded by J. Boucher to appoint Dr. Roy Seitsinger as a school board liaison on the Youth Services Bureau Advisory Board.

All in favor. Motion carries.

M. Lennon asked Kasey Peek to state why she would like to serve on the Youth Services Bureau Advisory Board.

K. Peek stated as a parent and previous PTO member she has a vested interest in Preston, and she would like to give back to the community.

A motion was made by R. Tucker and seconded by A. Phelps to recommend the BoS appoint Kasey Peek as a member of the Youth Services Bureau Advisory Board with term ending December 31, 2024

All in favor. Motion carries

8. By-Laws Amendment

ALTERNATE MEMBER

- i. The Preston Youth Services Advisory Board may have one alternate member, but is not required.
- ii. An alternate member must be appointed by the Preston Board of Selectmen for a one year term and may be recommended by the Preston Youth Services Advisory Board.
- iii. An alternate may be seated at a Preston Youth Services Advisory Board Meeting in place of any absent regular member by a majority vote of those regular members present and voting.
- iv. If seated, an alternate member shall act in the place of an absent Preston Youth Services Advisory Member during a scheduled meeting and perform the duties of a regular member, including the right to make motions and vote.

A motion was made by A. Phelps and seconded by R. Tucker to accept the amended By-Laws amendment as presented, with the addition of the word advisory in subsection iv. All in favor Motion carries.

9. 101 Class for New Directors, Staff and Boards – June 4th

Will take place on Zoom this year.

10. Community Needs Assessment Survey

b. Discuss, revise, & possibly approve final version

- Encourage High School students to turn in a survey
- Timing of distribution

c. If approved, discuss logistics and set date window to distribute survey

A motion was made by R. Tucker and seconded by K. Litsey to roll out the Youth Services Bureau Community Needs Assessment Survey the week of May 10th .

All in favor. Motion carries.

11. Programs & Activities

d. Art from the Heart – Spring Craft

A. Brosnan stated that the Spring craft was “Bunny Butts” and 70 were returned for distribution to Seniors and shut ins in the community.

e. Stress Happens Parent Workshop (virtually April 7, 21, 28 and May 5 at 7:00 pm.)

A. Brosnan stated that the first workshop was held 2 weeks ago and the 2nd will take place tonight. 18 residents and 2 non residents are signed up

f. The LIKE Movie (April 8)

A. Brosnan explained that Ivy Davis-Tomczuk informed her that not many 7/8 graders viewed the movie and going forward she would like to show it as an Assembly

A. Brosnan noted that there are two other movies that discuss anxiety and cyber bullying and suggested showing them in October.

A. Phelps thought October would be a good time because the surveys would be turned in by then and that may help in choosing which movies should be shown.

g. D.A. R. E.

A. Brosnan noted that D. A. R. E. is currently in progress and Trooper Bettini is teaching it in person.

h. other

A. Brosnan explained there may be an opportunity to partner with the library with a “Story Walk” . One page of a book is put under Plexiglas on a stand and you continue to read as you walk to each stand.

R. Tucker suggested to tie it in with a book club where you discuss the book after you are done with the Story Walk.

After discussion M. Lennon asked A. Brosnan to contact the library to let them know the Youth Services Bureau is interested in partnering with them on the story boards.

A. Brosnan reached out to New England Science & Sailing for programming opportunities.

<https://nessf.org>

Our mission at New England Science & Sailing Foundation (NESS) is to empower students with a love of learning through ocean-based experiential programs that serve schools, teachers, and families. NESS is the first and only program of its kind to be accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC).

20 students for 3 days costs \$5,175

10 students for 3 days costs \$2,595

A. Brosnan explained that she was looking for programs for middle and high school students. They offer programs at their site in Westerly or bring the program to Preston.

A. Brosnan noted there is no sailing at the Westerly location.

M. Lennon asked about transportation.

A. Brosnan noted they could be bussed or parents could drop off, but thinks there would be a better response if bus transportation was offered.

A motion was made by A. Phelps and seconded by K. Litsey to move forward with the summer program offered by New England Science & Sailing according to the proposal they sent of 20 students for 3 days costing \$5,175.

All in favor. Motion carries.

A. Phelps suggested developing a program around school gardens, and noted that she will do research on it.

12. Public Comment

None

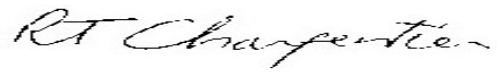
13. Adjournment

A motion was made by K. Litsey and seconded by R. Tucker to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 pm

All in favor. Motion carries.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "RT Charpentier". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Preston Recording Secretary