

**Westport Youth Commission Meeting**  
**Thursday, August 30th at 7:15pm**  
**Town Hall Room 201/201A**

**7:15 Welcome and Introduction:**

- Colin brings up that fact that Brett is always late, but Kevin brings up the fact that he had perfect attendance last year

**7:18 Welcome Packet:**

- General meeting dates, usually third Thursday of every month
- Sam reads charter
- Bylaws, attendance requirements, Quorum
- Advocacy groups

**7:26 Youth Services Report**

- General information on youth services (a division of the Department of Human Services)
- Toquet Hall is accepting applications for their governing board
  - Toquet was started by the WYC 20 years ago.

**7:30 What's Up**

- School is back
- Staples Players is auditioning
- Goldberg talks about football
- Everyone says happy birthday to Serinna
- TAG had their first meeting today
- If you don't show up to WYC, you will get in trouble
- Toquet Hall, board game night this Saturday, next Saturday Danny Fishman is coming to perform at Toquet
- Library and Toquet are sponsoring college information session
- Library is hosting a volunteer expo

**7:37 Advocacy Groups**

**Peer Education:**

- Events include: Dodge a Cop, Capture a Cop, iMentor
- Dodge a Cop, an opportunity for Staples High School students to play dodgeball with police officers and fosters connections between the youth of the town and the police force
- iMentor: teaching middle school students about the danger of the internet, internet safety, and how kids can best navigate the web
- Mini-Mentor: a new program that is about teaching elementary school kids to safely use the internet
- Drug and Alcohol awareness day downtown

**7:45 Town Improvements:**

- Student Discounts, students show their school IDs to participating stores and receive a discount
- Possibility of opening up student discounts to middle school students
- Student Creation Market: program where students showcase their businesses to the town
- New program: WYC gets more involved in student issues in Staples High School
- New program: mini golf in Westport

**Breakout Groups:**

- What issues do you see in the town? Nightlife, School Safety, Voter registration, Middle School homeroom surveys, lack of students riding the busses
- How do you define success in terms of WYC? Stay involved after the year ends, everyone shows up to meetings, everyone is very involved

- What do you want to get out of this year? Mini golfing ,

### **Responses**

- Jenny's group
  - Only 1 incoming freshman, generate more interests
  - Goals: Maintain and improve successful programs
- Brett's Group
  - Sleep Schedule, further attempt to change school start time, bus schedule, promoting bus transport and logistics
  - Get more involved at school
  - Voter registration at SHS
  - Promote reading initiative through peer?
- Sam's Group
  - Westport Issues
    - Drug use at SHS
    - Student Reporting through app?
    - Student Ambassadors
      - Freshman intros
    - Sleep
    - Downtown ideas
  - Have a set plan, keep program alive
    - Delegate to regular members
  - Thoughts on the year
    - Rachel: Affect change in community
    - Seeking benefit of available resources, spread resources to others

**8:18:** Jake makes a motion to adjourn. Abe seconds. The yeas carry the motion