

Westport Youth Commission Meeting
Minutes
Thursday, November 21, 2019
Toquet Hall

Eddie makes a motion to approve minutes Sarah seconds

7:15 What's Up:

- Mamma Mia sold out
- Historical Society has an event on Christmas Eve called "First Light"
- Dodge a Cop coming up
- Goldberg committed to Johns Hopkins
- Jake left the country a few times in past month

7:20 Youth Services report

- Hired a new youth program director Jamie
- Toquet and the Youth Commission have both been busy
- Substance use survey approved to go out to the town

7:22 Peer Education:

Dodge a Cop:

- Event to take place this Monday
- 20/24 Teams signed up thus far, signups close tomorrow (11/22)
- Commission members should arrive by 5 to aid in setting up the event
- Teen Awareness Group is working on signing their members up for some jobs

iMentor:

- Been on the backburner
- Will be continued after Dodge a Cop
- Middle schools have requested that the presentation be shortened
- Netsmartz has taken the certification off their website temporarily but it will be back on shortly

Mini Mentor:

- Peer wants to create videos to show to parents of elementary school kids
- More to come

7:30 Town Improvements:

Open Campus:

- A proposal has been created to bring to Principal Thomas
- Research on open campuses has been conducted, members looked into policies at Ridgefield High, New Canaan High, Weston High, along with a few other schools
- Discussed how to get the idea to the principal
- Open campus would be endowed based on merit
- Should call Ridgefield for input on the program
- Consider tying student discounts into open campus as well

Mini Golf:

- Stand still on mini golf as we have not yet been able to meet with Parks and Rec or send out our survey
- Town was approached by people that would want to remodel the skate park which would lead to potential space for the mini golf course

7:55 Dodge A Cop Review

- Went over job assignments and overview of each job

8:12 Goldberg makes a motion to adjourn Eddie seconds