

Westport Youth Commission Meeting
Thursday, December 19th at 7:15pm
Town Hall Room 201/201A

7:15 Tucker makes a motion to hold new business earlier than scheduled, Rachel seconds

Brett Makes a motion to approve last month's minutes, Jake Seconds

7:20 The Remarkable Theatre (New Business)

- Group of town residents who joined the Westport Cinema Initiative lobbying to bring a movie theater to Westport
- The Commission on People with Disabilities suggests to hire people with disabilities for at least 50% of those employed at the theatre.
- Westport Youth Commission should consider working on the project on a special subcommittee
- WYC could help assist pop-up functions to help the initiative gain notoriety and traction.

7:35 What's Up and Public Input:

- Youth Services is beginning budget season
- We the People (Staples AP Government Class) wins first at the state competition
- WYC seniors are getting into great colleges: Sam Laskin- Dartmouth, Brett Levi- University of Pennsylvania, Eddie Kiev- University of Pennsylvania, Patricio Perez- Notre Dame, Scott Fulembaum- Tufts, Andrew Goldberg- Johns Hopkins
- WYC moved January Date to Thursday, January 23, 2020
- Candle Light concert this past weekend was a smashing success
- Everyone is ready for winter break

Town Improvements:

Open Campus Policy:

- Hoping to hold a meeting with Principal Thomas In early-mid January
- The participation requirements include: a waiver for the students to participate in the program, a minimum GPA of 2.5, and a minimum attendance requirement
- Town Improvements is looking to address any and all issues the commission has regarding the policy
- Biggest concern regarding open campus would be student injuries off camps

- The proposal cites that court cases have upheld the legality of the waiver and the lack of a case because of this
- Regarding drug use off campus and bringing drugs back onto campus
 - Subcommittee is looking into Ridgefield's statistics regarding this issue
- Due to time constraints discussions on the topic have ceased but the issue will continue to move forward

Mini Golf:

- At a stand still until we can meet with Parks and Rec., which should occur in early to mid-January
- Tucker shares concerns with the project including direction and lack of progress
 - Subcommittee explained perspective and remedied his concerns

Student Creation Market:

- Project will begin first round of planning in the next month

8:07 Peer Education and Awareness:

Dodge a Cop

- Overall successful event this year
- Concerns, issues, and suggestions include:
 - Games went well and without a hitch
 - Many teams did not eat their pizzas, suggest a possible break for dinner
 - Suggest penalties for unfair play
 - Court runners were an issue, often not paying attention
 - Consider making the event phone free
 - Consider roping off the bracket
 - Number of policemen have been low in the past few years
 - STRESS payment upon signing up

iMentor:

- Looking to modify the presentation to adjust slides based on prevalence of internet issues
- Though new members will not be able to get trained in internet safety this year, a significant portion of our members are certified

DMAD and MiniMentour:

- Projects are currently both in research phase

Bacharach Award:

- Applications for the award have gone out
 - It will be given out in late spring

8:20 Sarah makes a motion to adjourn, Abe seconds