



## **Youth Council Meeting Minutes - April 5, 2023**

### **Item 1 | Call to Order**

- Chair Vanessa Westlake called the meeting into order at 7:00 p.m.

### **Item 2 | Attendance**

- Ali Atoui, Madeline Naper, Juliana Spaulding, Matthew O'Brien, Sadie Lominac, Vanessa Westlake, Dhruvi Upmanyu, Olivia Wall, Sofia Panighetti

### **Item 3 | Public Comment**

### **Item 4 | Approval of Meeting Minutes from March 2, 2023**

- Clerk Ali Atoui gave a summary of the meeting minutes from the prior meeting. It was motioned to accept the minutes and subsequently seconded; the minutes were approved unanimously.

### **Item 5 | Recreation Department Presentation**

- Recreation Department Director Dan McGrath presented to the Youth Council on the continued relationship between the council and the department, and what each can do to work together. He highlighted how the Youth Council had helped to inform the youth about the importance of taking care of recreation spaces in town, and would like to see continued work with this.
- It was discussed on how the Recreation Department could promote the Spring Clean Up project the council is working on in partnership with the Warrior Clean Up Crew.
- Dan McGrath discussed how to get better engagement from middle to high school aged residents on Rec Dept. programs. Ideas included those applicable to jobs such as resume building, CPR training, etc., and other fun activities such as a movie night at the Civic Center. It was decided that a question asking about potential Recreation Dept. programs would be included on the Youth Interest Survey, and potentially to incentivize people to take the survey, an afternoon at the Americale Civic Center could be given away to a lucky winner.

### **Item 6 | Recycling & Sustainability Day**



- Vanessa Westlake explained that State Representative Kate Lipper-Garabedian is holding the second annual Recycling & Sustainability Day event at the Wakefield Memorial High School on Saturday, April 8.
- Vanessa Westlake explained that the Youth Council will be making a presence there and would like some volunteers to stay at the table. Ali Atoui, Dhruvi Upmanyu, and Juliana Spaulding, along with Vanessa Westlake, stated they would volunteer.
- The council had some minor discussion about what to portray at the table, and it was decided that Youth Council informational brochures would be made.

#### **Item 7 | Warrior Clean Up**

- Ali Atoui gave an overview of the project he has been working on with Warrior Clean Up Crew leader Maggie Shaffer, which is a Spring Clean Up to be jointly held by both organizations. It would be on May 20 (May 21 rain date), and it would serve as a way to connect the youth with the importance of town maintenance. Information and updates about the event were given, and further updates will occur in the future.

#### **Item 8 | Liaison Updates**

- Ali Atoui and Dhruvi Upmanyu explained that the Veterans Agent David Mangan reached out about the coffee social happening, and shared it with the Youth Council.

#### **Item 9 | Communications Sub Committee Update**

- Ali Atoui explained some recent things the subcommittee has been working on, including the Instagram Reels project for the new high school, the Youth Interest Survey, and voter registration and town election information. More responses are needed for liaison-based items of engagement, and a follow up email will be sent out.

#### **Item 10 | Announcements**

- Town Councilor Jonathan Chines explained what the Town Council has been doing recently and the upcoming election. He talked about how to be an informed voter: watching the candidate forum on WCATs YouTube or contacting candidates directly, etc.

#### **Item 11 | Determine Next Meeting Date**

- The next meeting will be on April 25, due to voting day canceling school.

#### **Item 12 | Other Business Not Reasonably Anticipated**

#### **Item 13 | Adjournment**

- The meeting was unanimously adjourned.