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**BARNSTABLE YOUTH COMMISSION**  
**April 8, 2015 Minutes**

A quorum being duly present, **Chairman Samuel Spillane** called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Hyannis Youth and Community Center, 141 Bassett Lane, Hyannis, MA 02601.

**Present:** Samuel Spillane (Chairman), Brendan W. Clark (Vice-Chairman), Jen Ellis (Police Officer), Jeniffer Cullum (Town Council Liaison), Patti Machado (Leisure Services Director), Emily Mannal, Lianna Mitchell, Sarah Beal, Sara Mannal, and Trisha Otto (Recording Secretary).

**Absent:** Sgt. Jeanne Challies (Police Officer), Bobbi Moritz (Barnstable County Resource Officer), Kathleen Murtaugh, George Noonan (Program Coordinator), Carrie Osborn, James Sturgis (Police Officer), Harrison McDonald, Georgina Duffy-Hetzel, Matt Hersey, and Michael Hersey (Adult Advisor),

**Brendan** made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 25, 2015 minutes, **Lianna** seconded it. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** **Jen Ellis** commended the Commission on the Summit. So many kids were engaged and took a lot away from it. For the first time organizing a summit the Commission did an awesome job. Very well done. **Jen Cullum** said she has been receiving a lot of positive feedback on the Summit. **Sarah Beal** commented that she video taped the Summit and received permission from Brenda Conlon to air the video on Channel 18. **Jen Cullum** is pressing for a follow up article on the Summit from Casey Meyers as she dropped the ball on promoting the Summit.

**Old Business:**

**Agenda Items**

**I. Recruiting Flyer:**

- a. Look for third party endorsements from elected officials
- b. Will take pictures from the "I" drive to insert – possibly add bubbles to insert quotes.
- c. **Jenn Cullum** will forward a picture taken with Rep. Tim Whelan to insert

**II. Youth Summit Thank You's and Surveys:**

a. Thank you notes will be written at the next meeting (April 22<sup>nd</sup>). **Patti** will supply note cards and gold embossed stickers.

b. Survey Committee – need 2 people – questions for survey:

1. Rate the 7<sup>th</sup> grade summit on a scale of 1 (bad) to 10 (good)  
1      2      3      4      5      6      7      8      9      10

2. Have you found a mentor?  
If no – why note? \_\_\_\_\_

In the process of looking for one

If yes – Who: Friend, Parent, Teacher

3. My favorite part of the Summit was:  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. Which group did you like the best:

- a. Improbable Players
- b. Diversity Class
- c. YMCA
- d. BHS
- e. Vendors

3. Was the Summit discussed by your teachers?  
\_\_\_\_\_

6. Did you share the information you gained from the Summit with your parents?

Yes                  No                  If no, why not? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

7. The Summit made me feel more confident to attend BHS in the fall.  
Yes                  No

8. I feel more connected to my community because of the resources made available.  
Yes                  No

9. I am interested in being a member of the Youth Commission.

Yes                  No                  Unsure                  Sign me up

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Name    Cell phone/telephone #

c. **Sarah Beal and Sara Mannal** interviewed the Commission regarding the Summit.

- d. **Sam Spillane, Brendan Smith and Jen Cullum** will attend the Kiwanis Club Meeting on April 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at the Yarmouth House to personally thank them for the name tags they graciously donated for the Summit.

### III. Discussion of M.G.L.A. 123 § 35

**Jen Ellis** discussed this bill and advised in her opinion that there is no way this Law can or would be changed to include people under the influence of drugs. Reason being the PC law is for people under the influence of alcohol and are entitled to a breathalyzer test. There is no test available to test people under the influence of drugs.

**Jen Cullum** suggested inviting Rep Tim Whelan to a meeting to discuss the synthetic drug/spice problem.

### IV. New Business

- a. **Brendan** would like to discuss a Youth Congress that Cheryl Bartlett discussed with him that was separate from the County. He would like to revamp and organize this group. **Cheryl** will be invited to the May 13<sup>th</sup> meeting to discuss this commission/congress.
- b. **Mashpee Town Manager** will be invited to attend the May 13<sup>th</sup> meeting to gain information on how to build a Youth Summit in Mashpee.
- c. **John Gleason**, Program Coordinator, spoke to Patti about creating a Health Forum to encompass healthy cooking classes that include good nutrition and eating habits.

### IV. Liaison Reports

- a. **Brendan** reported that the Town Council meeting reviewed some exciting things in the budgets.

**Leanna Mitchell** made a motion to adjourn. **Brendan Smith** seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Trisha

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