

**Ridgefield Youth Commission**  
**January 6, 2010**  
**Minutes**

**Attendance:**

Sean Sulli, Tom Bruno, Eleanor Coleman, Jeff Bonistalli, Kelly Orzechowski, Frank Orzechowski, Scott Nuechterlein, Leslie Brown, Linda Caponetti, Connie Johnson, Wendy G. Lionetti, John Katz, Denise Qualey

**Approve Minutes**

**Agenda**

**Fund Raising Activity**

The "Recycle it" project is moving along well. They have collected 246 cartridges which equals a \$330 donation to The Barn. Thank you, Frank for making this activity possible. We will continue collecting until Earth Day April 22nd. Jeff will put on Patch.com the new locations of the bins.

**Youth Commission Structure**

Friends of the Youth Commission Bank Account

The commission discussed the need for more transparency on how much money was available for activities promoting positive youth development as well as staffing and up keep at The Barn. Denise Qualey and John Katz will meet with the appropriate staff at Town Hall to review the charter for the commission and the structure of the commission to understand the requirements/procedures needed if any to manage our finances and bring that information back to the group.

**The Barn**

Linda Caponetti will be developing a fund raising letter to go out to the community.

Attendance at The Barn has been increasing.

The Barn is now open on Tuesday afternoons.

Barn members have reached out to several teachers that may be interested in volunteering to staff The Barn.

The Youth Commission now has an email address, thank you Scott:

[RidgefieldYouthCommission@gmail.com](mailto:RidgefieldYouthCommission@gmail.com)

### **Veterans Project**

Wendy G. Lionetti has talked with Rudy Marconi and Bunnie Langcaster about the commission working on a project to support our military that are from Ridgefield. The plan would be to create a tribute to be displayed in the glass cases in Town Hall. All have agreed and we will be developing a plan. The goal is to have it done this spring in honor of Veterans month in May.

### **Membership**

Congratulations to Scott and Samantha Nuechterlein for making your membership to the Ridgefield Youth Commission official. Both Scott and Sam were appointed to the commission by at tonight selectman's meeting.

We are still looking for interested adults and young people to join the commission, so spread the word. Eleanor Coleman will be submitting an article on the youth commission to the school newspaper. Thank you Ellie!

### **Old Business**

\*Marian Roth from the Ridgefield Chamber will be at next months meeting to discuss ways to enhance communication and relationship building between the youth of Ridgefield and the down town businesses.

\*We will be creating a meeting structure for young people asked to leave The Barn that would like to return.

Those students must request time to talk with appointed commission members prior to or after our regularly scheduled youth commission meeting on the first Wednesday of the month.

**Next Meeting February 3, 2010**

**Ridgefield Youth Commission**  
**Wednesday**  
**February 3, 2010**

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**Agenda**

Welcome new members and visitors

Discussion with Marian Roth from the Ridgefield Chamber of Commerce-  
On communication and relationship building with the youth of Ridgefield  
and the downtown businesses

Presentation by Clair Carlson from RACE

**Updates**

**Structure of the commission**

Feed back from the meeting on the charter and bank account at Town Hall

**Barn**

The "Recycle it" project  
Teacher volunteers  
Activities at The Barn  
Staffing updates

**Veterans Project**

**New Business**