

Ridgefield Youth Commission Approved Meeting Minutes

Ridgefield Youth Commission Special Meeting
Wednesday, September 13, 2023, at 7:00 pm
The Barn
10 Governor Street, Ridgefield, Connecticut

Members Present: Denise Qualey, Mary Doherty, Jim Yavenditti, Mike Lordi, Tina Malhotra, Al Wakin
Julia Knispel, and Rian Malhotra

Adult Advisor: Briana Pellicci

Guest: Will Knispel, Akshay Pertab, Sudheer Narasimha, Anusha Parameswaran, and Bishen Pertab

1. Public Comment
No public comments were made.
2. Review Meeting Minutes from June 7, 2023
The meeting from June 7, 2023 were approved.
3. Recruitment of New Members
Ms. Qualey reviewed with the guests the activities of the Ridgefield Youth Commission and the process to become a member.
4. Review 2023 and 2024 Calander
The Commission reviewed the calander for the remainder of the 2023. The next meeting of the Youth Commission is on October 4, 2023. The November 1, 2023 may be moved to November 15, 2023. This will be discussed at the next meeting. The Commission will meet on December 6, 2024. The Commission will also hold an event at the Barn during the Ridgefield Holiday Stroll on December 1, 2023. The 2024 calander will be discussed at the next meeting.
5. Activities/Panel ideas
Ideas for the February Panel will be discussed at October 4, 2023 meeting
6. Social Media Review – Website Status
The Commmsion is still having issues accessing the website and Instagram accounts. A computer will be brought to the next meeting to see if the Commision can gain access to the accounts. The Commission discussed how best to manage these account in the future.
7. Barn Update
The Commission discussed the maintance of the garden under the Kindness Mural. Members and guest will reach out to groups in the Town and the school to see if they can help.
8. TeenTalk and School Update
Ms. Pellicci provided an update on TeenTalk.
9. Ridgefield Prevention Council Update
Ms. Malhotra provided and update on Ridgefield Prevention Council.

10. Project Resilience

Ms. Qualey provided an update on Project Resilience. Ms. Doherty will see if she has access to the Youth Commission email account which is required to file a 501c report.

11. Old Business

Mr. Lordi provided an update on Charter Revision Commission. The change in Ridgefield Youth Commission membership was accepted by the Board of Selectmen and will be voted on by the Town at a referendum in November.