

## **Wethersfield Youth Advisory Board Meeting September 1, 2005**

**Members in Attendance:** Maria Calleri, Steven Cook, Matthew Daskal, Sharon DiGioia-Daskal, Debra Hammer, Melissa Hoon, Natalie Kotkin, Susan Miller, Barbara Ruhe, Nancy Stilwell, Kristin Zeller, Heather A. Zottola.

**The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.**

[The minutes from the June meeting](#) were reviewed and accepted.

### **Department of Youth Services Update**

- School supplies program was very successful. Any child needing supplies can go to the Department of Youth Services.
- The move to the police area of town hall has been delayed.
- ROPE starts at the beginning of October. Per diem staff will be hired to replace Tom McLoughlin.
- Summer youth employment program was successful. Nine students attended. They will be kept track of weekly for the next year.
- Town Council approved money to contract with Central Connecticut State University to evaluate the department to check for gaps and duplication of programs.
- No food drive will be held in the fall due to the lack of storage space.

### **Youth Advisory Board Update**

- Officers for this year were elected. Chair- Debra Hammer, Co-Chair- Matthew Daskal, Secretary- Heather Zottola.
- Corn Fest will be Saturday, September 17th from 10:00am to 5:00 pm. We're using a "Health and Wellness" theme. Chair massages will be offered at \$1 per minute. They will donate 2/3 of their profit. GNC will donate nutrition bars and drinks for us to sell. Should we have something for children? "Yes I Will" brochures will be handed out.

### **Youth in Government**

- Matthew Daskal would like to continue the program this school year.

### **Underage Drinking Task Force**

- We need to form a sub committee to use our money.

### **Other Business**

- Helping Homes went well.
- Jim Collin is the new principal at Silas Deane Middle School. The school opened successfully.
- American Savings Foundation gives grants to programs for children. We may look into writing a grant.

### **Financial Report**

- We have \$1,321 in our budget with pending receipts.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.**

