

## OCTOBER 3, 2007 MEETING MINUTES

### Attendees:

Chris Menton  
Leslie Sattler  
Sheila Quinn  
Joe Mulherin  
Tom Clinton

### ***Recreation Day***

The Youth Commission had a distribution table at Dedham Day. Leslie, Sheila, Greg, Erin, and Paul Toomey manned the tables and answered questions about programs and distributed hand outs. Several people had just moved to Dedham and were not aware of the department. Suggestions were made to involve more children and possible referrals to after school programs etc. Leslie would like to set up a table on the Endicott Estate porch for The Halloween Bash to distribute more hand outs and make people aware of Youth Commission Department events and programs.

### ***Office Move***

A document has been sent to Bill Keegan and June Doe outlining issues connected to a possible Youth Commission move to the High School. At the department head meeting, Tom passed out new Youth Commission brochures and asked Bill if there was any development on the move. Bill said he wanted” the move to happen sooner rather than later” and would set up an appointment to discuss the issues when they could coordinate Bill, Tom, and June’s schedules. Tom would like Bill to see the space offered to him at the High School to explain requirements of moving there. Housing Authority has offered space in East Dedham for office, but would have to pay rent. (Rent money is not available for Youth Commission.) Tom stated perhaps there could be a satellite office there. Also offer for office space in East Dedham Plaza in back, but there wouldn’t be enough office space room and parking spaces.

### ***Student Council***

Sheila updated the board about Student Council activities. They will be having a Food Drive Meeting tomorrow. Tom mentioned the Health and Wellness Committee would like a rep. from the Student Council to attend. Sheila said that she would do it or ask at the next Student Council meeting if anyone else would like to attend. Community Service opportunities for high school students exist for Oktoberfest and Middle School Parents Discussion Night for babysitters and coaches.

### ***East Dedham***

Leslie discussed the possibility of getting a grant from Tiger Woods Assoc. for Boys and Girls Club satellite. Tom stated previous group had tried forming group, but were autonomous from club and issues developed with using the name. Leslie stated possible satellite Boys and Girls Club from neighboring towns (i.e. West Roxbury). Boys and Girls Club would have to approach town they wanted to move into and hadn't done that in Dedham. There continue to be neighborhood meetings addressing issues in East Dedham and Rep. McMurty is also having meetings on Economic Revitalization for the area. Should the groups join together and address both concerns or remain separate and focus on individual issues? Three areas that were addressed in last East Dedham Neighborhood group meeting were:

1. Anonymous tip line to police
2. Friday night Open Gym at Avery School
3. To start an East Dedham Neighborhood Association. Previously there had been one. Don't know if it is still an active non-profit organization. If it is can it be reformed?

### ***Holiday Program***

Four Hundred and Twenty requests for gifts last year. A need to serve underserved, sick and ill. Last year, Nobles and Greenough School donated 50 stockings. Don't know if they will be doing that again this year. Other groups to possibly ask include: Dedham Square Circle/Peter Reynolds, Ursuline Academy, Dedham Medical Associates, Star Market, Dick's, Chipotle Mexican Restaurant, DHS Fundraiser. Last year Best Buy donated turkeys to Thanksgiving Food Drive. Lowe's had given a grant to Youth Commission when it first opened but nothing since.

Next Meeting October 17, 2007