Item 1 – Call to order
Vice Chairman Matthew Gotowala called the February 13th, 2019 Youth Commission meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.

Item 2 - Pledge of Allegiance
Led by Vice Chairman Gotowala at 6:23 pm

Item 3 – Attendance
Attendees: Deborah Ahl, Comm. Tanya Ledesma, Comm.
Ryan Broderick, Comm. Eileen McNulty, Youth Services Dir
Officer Matthew Gotowala, Comm.
Robin Klug, Rec. Secretary

Absent: Joy Harris, Comm.; Ethan Grabowski, Comm.

Item 4 – Approval of the minutes of the regular January 9, 2019 Youth Commission Meeting
On a MOTION by Comm. Ahl and SECONDED by Comm. Washington it was so moved to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2018 meeting. Following a voice vote, in which there was no opposition, Vice Chairman Gotowala declared the motion carried.
In Favor: 6 Abstention: 0 Opposed: 0

Item 5 – Public Participation
Corey Nagle was present to observe the meeting.

Item 6 – Announcements
Comm. Broderick announced the 5th annual, “Push-ups for Patriots” will be held March 2nd, discussion followed.

Item 7 – Program Reviews
“Banana Splits” began last week. It was well attended with 10 children. “Man Up” starts next week and has 14 boys enrolled. Paul Vivian has increased its enrollment by taking an additional ten children, who started tonight.

A grant-funded school based diversion program will be begin recruiting from Bristol Eastern High School and Bristol Prep.

Director Eileen McNulty and the drug free communities coordinator, Christina Sanchez returned from the annual CADCA conference in Washington, D.C. on 02/07/2019. Discussion of the legalization of marijuana for recreational use was one of the highlights and their takeaway was that the potential monetary gain of tax revenue to states does not offset the cost that legalization has on the community.

Comm. Calderon reported that the Best Youth Leaders have changed their postings for social media and are working towards posting positive, sober events for youth to participate in every Friday night. Recruitment for new Best Youth Leaders will take place over the April Vacation at Bristol Youth Services and the Pine Lakes Challenge Course.

Item 8 – Budget Review
Transfers requests to account for overages were made to the Board of Finance. Pine Lake Revenues are not matching expenses, which is expected for this time of year. The 2020 budget request was mostly for level funding or a less than 2-3% increase or decrease to line items. Notable changes were an increase to part-time salaries due to the creation of a new position and a decrease to the professional fees line to help fund the increase to part-time salaries.

**Item 9 – Directors Report**

A Narcan training will is to be held within the next month, the date has yet to be determined.

**Item 10 – Unfinished Business**

Nominations for the Youth Volunteer Recognition Awards will begin in the month of February. Discussion followed.

**Item 11 – New Business**

There was no new business.

**Item 12 – Resignations**

Chairperson Kimberly Carmelich and Liaison Joshua Medeiros had both submitted their resignations since the January 13, 2019 Youth Commission meeting. Their resignations were accepted by the City Clerk. Commissioner Allison Wadowski has been removed due to not meeting attendance requirements.

**Item 13 – Appointments**

Comm. Calderon was re-appointed by Mayor Zoppo-Sassu and has accepted the appointment.

**Item 14 – Adjournment**

On a MOTION by Comm. Broderick and SECONDED by Comm. Ahl it was so moved to adjourn the Youth Commission meeting at 6:56 p.m. and it was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Klug
Recording Secretary Youth Commission

cc: City Clerk