**Harwich Youth Services meeting minutes**

Date: October 24, 2022

Location: Small meeting room, Town Hall

Meeting called to order at 5:27 p.m.

In attendance: Jeff Craig (chair), Becky Craig, Sheila House, Meredith Henderson, Joy Jordan (Clerk), Annalise Langelier (youth representative)

Sheila House – Youth Counselor’s Report:

* Recovery Build – SH met with local Superintendents to review the program, there are 10 students involved, and as students pass 6 months (the end of the program term), many are staying with the program to become peer mentors. The group held a field day event at the Cultural Center
* PASS – Positive Alternatives to School Suspension – the program provides homework help and mental health assessments in a safe environment for students facing disciplinary action at school. So far this year, 30 students have participated
* Middle School Social – held Friday, Oct. 21, at the Chatham Community Center – well attended, approx. 80 youth. CCC is a good location for these events as it’
* S contained; Nerf War facilitator was good with students, Sharon Stark was very helpful; MRHS student volunteer Thomas Chase received kudos for helping during the Homecoming game
* Next event: aim for December or January at Harwich Community Center; consider possibly a daytime weekend event
* SH will be applying for grants focused on prevention
* MH suggested investigating the possibility of an adventure park/Project Adventure activity in our community.
  + Q? Who would be stakeholder/mover for getting this type of program here? (MRHS and FHS have on school premises)
  + Benefits: It can teach kids problem solving, independence, confidence, collaboration, movement, pushing themselves to try new things, etc.
  + MH to investigate further
* Need for new members – possibly Amy Young?
* Next meeting: Nov. 28 at 5:30 pm in small conference room at Town Hall
* Meeting adjourned at 5:58 pm

Clerk: Joy Jordan