

MIDDLETOWN PREVENTION COALITION

MEETING MINUTES

December 21, 2017

MIDDLETOWN TOWN CHAMBERS

1. Welcome and Introductions: Meeting began at 6:27pm.

- In attendance: Lori Verderosa (MPC Coordinator), Tom Lyons (Chair, Business), Jennifer Baldwin (DFC Coordinator), Jon Brett (Healthcare), Jake Cathers (Vice Chair/Parent), Susan Schenck (Other Organization), Helen Sowinski (Civic/Volunteer), Kristen Petraca (Youth Serving), Pamela Martin (Military Liaison), Dennis Soares (School), Beatrice Casaula (Student Assistance Counselor), Jamie Lehane (Other Org), Sherrill Warch (Grandparent), Meg Barrett (Parent), Carolyn Craft (Youth).**
- Excused absence: Rick Lombardi (Governmental Liaison), Laurie Pauley (Faith), Hannah Gibbison (Youth), Alexa Furtado (Media), Kate Manning (Other Org), Hillary Leonard (Media), Meghan Guild (Parent), Cameran Mas (Student Assistance Counselor), Dave Guerriero (Law Enforcement), Anne Schultz (Youth Serving), Jaegil Lee (Faith)**
- Chairman welcomed all to the meeting. Refreshments were shared. Tom called Susan to be recognized for her 10 years of dedicated service to the committee. Lori thanked Susan with heartfelt comments and presented her a gift.**

2. Meeting minutes from Nov 29th reviewed.

Jon made motion to approve minutes. Kristen Seconded.

3. Financial Reports

- **Financial updates discussed.**

4. In the News

- **Jenn provided an informative handout summarizing the latest news articles.**
- **TRL was adopted by Town Council on Dec 4th.**

5. Executive Committee

- **The Executive Committee has kept its focus on membership & sustainability. We are looking for more depth at the table for all of our sectors. Discussed the TRL and looking at grant writing for sustainability development.**

6. Communication Committee

- **Lunch and Learns continues.**
- **Partnering with NCPC on ad placement and funding for digitized marijuana ads.**

7. Policy Committee

- **Lawsuit filed against the town regarding the TRL. Jan 11th is first scheduled hearing for the lawsuit. Meeting notes are provided.**

8. Needs Assessment workgroup.

- **Student Health and Wellness survey are ongoing. 11th and 12th**

graders are done, grades 9 & 10 are scheduled for Jan 4th. We will discuss outcomes at the next meeting.

9. Military Outreach Committee

- Nothing to report. Next meeting Jan 4th.**

10. Islanders Committed:

- Lunch & Learns are ongoing. Attendance has been good, and sessions have been well received.**
- Substance Use and Student Wellness presentations were held the 1st week of December.**

11. Project Purple Workgroup:

- Volleyball tournament is being planned for Feb 2nd. Guest speaker, Matt Bellace, is invited to speak at assemblies for Gaudet, MHS and parents.**

12. Coordinators reports:

- Printed reports provided. Lori and Jenn opted to go right into Coalition 101 task.**

13. Topic of the Month:

- Coalition 101 session continued. Members split into their three groups focusing on alcohol, marijuana and tobacco. Group work continued on Logic Models to address community issues in the three areas. Jenn and Lori walked us through the pertinent data and**

graphs.

14. Old Business

- **See above committee reports**

15. New Business

- **See above committee reports**

16. Adjournment:

- **Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.**

Next full committee meeting will be Jan 25th.