



Ridgefield Prevention Council Minutes

June 25, 2024

7:00 pm @ Town Hall

Mission: The Ridgefield Prevention Council supports a safe and healthy environment for all Ridgefield families through awareness, education and positive alternatives to alcohol and other substance use and to reduce high-risk youth behaviors

"Ridgefield Prevention Council meetings will be conducted under Roberts Rules of Order and all participants are expected to conduct themselves with dignity and treat all those present with respect, empathy and civility."

Attendance: Kim Carone, Karen Facini, Sarah Lorenzini, LouAnn Daprato, Liz Tidwell, Brian Nash, Rudy Marconi, Conor Burke

Call to Order: 7:16 pm

Approval of Minutes: Approval of minutes from May- 1st motion by LouAnn Daprato, 2nd by Karen, all in favor- Approved

Treasurer report: We have about 18,926.23 in our account.

Reports/Discussion:

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- **RPC Future:** We spoke about how we are looking into obtaining our own 50c3 status. Concerns are # of members we can have per the town charter, recruitment, reimbursement & funds allocation through the town treasurer. And most importantly that we would like to be able to do more but are restricted with the current confines. It was discussed how other prevention councils have done the same but still stay as part of their town charter (all working together). LouAnn has an attorney willing to work on the paperwork for us pro bono. Rudy mentioned that the way around the # of members is to have alternates. And that the mental health addiction services money from the state is allocated to the town prevention council. People might not be willing to make financial donations knowing funds aren't held by the town. Rudy mentioned he is looking to hire someone @ the town to help with RPC part time.
- **Monthly Calendar for 24-25 year:** We discussed what we would be moving forward with for next year. The final list will be sent out to the board and everyone will be signing up to take over/own events.
- **Summer Events/Plans:** Summer Fest is coming, Sierra will be there and she will need help. Kim will ask NCL to come assist. Spoke about having a 40 Developmental Asset event specifically for coaches in town. Conor to see if this is possible and when it could be scheduled.

New Business:

- Kim will not be the chair for RPC for next year. Someone will need to take over this role. Her term ends June 31st. She has completed the paperwork for this year, but new paperwork needs to be done over the summer.

Adjourned: 8:21pm

Respectively submitted: Kim Carone