

Raymond Coalition For Youth ~ Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2021 ~ 9:00 – 10:30 am
Zoom meeting online - RSVP only



Present: 17

School

Janice Arsenault - Raymond School District / Board
Jessica Caron - Raymond School District
Tina McCoy - Raymond School District
Brianna Straffin-Raymond School District
Pat Arsenault - Raymond Afterschool Director

Health Care

Carrie Chooljian - Lamprey Health Care
Kim Gordon - Beacon Health

Substance Misuse Prevention

Karen Morton-Clark, Recovery Friendly Workplace
Whitney Brown - Safe Harbor at Granite Pathways

Youth-Serving

Tammy Reardon - Town of Raymond Recreation Dept
Chelsie Mostone - Traffic Safety at CHaD
Christine Bostaph - RCFY / Parent
Pamela Turcotte - RCFY Finance Coordinator

Civic/Volunteer

Celeste Clark - RCFY Executive Director
Stephen Sloan - Community Member

Law Enforcement

Jay Petros - WalMart Distribution Center
Chief Michael Labell, Raymond Police Dept
Nicole Jordan - JPO

Welcomes, Introductions, Announcements were made

Warrant Article #36 & # 37 on the Raymond NH ballot On March 9, 2021 both passed and will be on the books as advisory articles

- Warrant Article 36 - Citizen Petition: To restrict any commercial signs promoting cannabis, or marijuana, drug-related paraphernalia or products.
- Warrant Article 37 – Citizen Petition to restrict the commercialization of marijuana and marijuana-based products

Presenter: Karen Morton-Clark of Recovery Friendly Workplace gave a presentation highlighting the program and showed videos from a number of workplaces where this is being implemented. She also mentioned that the Coalition is a designated RFW and Jay Petros shared that WalMart is also a RFW and praised the program and what a difference it makes to the employees. He would also like to see other businesses, not matter the size, as well as the Town of Raymond become a RFW.

For any business or organization that may be interested in learning more about becoming a RFW, you can submit a simple letter of interest at www.recoveryfriendlyworkplace.com. For any additional questions about the RFW, you can email Karen at Karen@recoveryfriendlyworkplace.com.

Presenter: Whitney Brown of Safe Harbor at Granite Pathways spoke on the Job Launch program for people in recovery. This is a statewide program that does recovery coaching to help people in recovery learn the skills they need to apply and maintain jobs. She can be reached at WBrown@granitepathways.org.

As a follow-up from last month Celeste mentioned that the Coalition is applying for a CARA Grant which is open to former DFC recipients.

Youth Action: Christine some of the projects the YA groups at the Middle and High School are working on at this time. They are providing input into a grant funded Wellness Kit project that the Coalition is doing with the Seacoast Public Health Network.

Gala: 2021 Due to Covid and the fact we had to cancel the in person gala again this year we are working on an online auction that will take place between April 23 and May 8 of this year.

Youth Action: The Youth Groups are finishing up a Baby Supplies Drive in partnership with the New Life Church Food Bank.

The warrant articles relating to marketing and selling of marijuana in our community are completed and will be on the March ballot.

Disc Golf: The Disc Golf course is moving along. The groundwork has been completed and the baskets have been delivered. Boy Scouts are working on benches and there has been donations and discounts offered for the pads. Everything should start up again when the weather cooperates.

The National RX Takeback event will be held on April 24, 2012 at Hannafords. We will again partner with the Raymond Police Department.

Pat Arsenault reported that the LEAP Program was able to collect 500 pounds of soft plastics that will be delivered to TRES in exchange for a bench to be placed at the Elementary School Playground.

Tammy Reardon reported that the Recreation Department will be sponsoring a Easter Egg scavenger hunt and egg hunt. Details will be available at the Town website.

The Recreation Department will again have a Summer program but the details still need to be worked out. They are looking for employees for the program. Applicants need to be in at least the Junior year of HS.

Meeting ended at 10:30 AM

Thank you for joining us today, being an RCFY advocate, passing along the information learned today, and encouraging others to learn more and get involved.

April 8, May 13, June 10, July 8, No August Mtg,
September 9, October 14, November 11 and December 9

Mission Statement:

The Raymond Coalition For Youth empowers the community to promote positive youth development and reduce youth substance use and suicide risk.

Promoting Positive Healthy Choices for our Youth!

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