



Youth Council Meeting Minutes - September 6, 2023

Item 1 | Call To Order

- The Meeting was called to order by Catherine Dhingra at 12:04 p.m.

Item 2 | Attendance

- Ali Atoui, Thomas Berinato, Michaela Lyons, Madeline Naper, Ahmed Othman, Maya Palic, Sofia Panighetti, Juliana Spaulding, Olivia Wall, Vanessa Westlake, James Brogna, Nathaniel Chines, and Annabeth Goryl were in attendance.

Item 3 | Public Comment

- There were no members of the public wishing to comment.

Item 4 | Welcome- Catherine Dhingra, Wakefield Youth Council Adult Advisor

- Youth Council Adult Advisor Catherine Dhingra introduced herself and welcomed new and returning members to the Youth Council, and thanked them for deciding to take part in the council this year.

Item 5 | Youth Council Members Introductions

- Members introduced themselves with their name, pronouns, and year in school.

Item 6 | Town Council Liaison Introduction & Role Overview- Councilor Smith-Galvin

- Town Council Liaison Councilor Julie Smith-Galvin introduced themselves and gave an overview of what their role will be in the following year.
- Mr. Collins from the Galvin Middle School will also be joining the council as the Civic Engagement Advisor.

Item 7 | Reorganization

- An overview of the officer positions, Chair, Vice Chair, and Clerk were given, and a new position, Communications Chair, was added.
- Ali Atoui was nominated for chair by Ahmed Othman and elected unopposed.
- Thomas Berinato was nominated by Vanessa Westlake for Vice Chair, and Ahmed Othman by Ali Atoui, and Othman was elected.
- Thomas Berinato was nominated by Ali Atoui for Clerk and elected unopposed.
- Madeline Naper was nominated by Maya Palic and Vanessa Westlake was nominated by Ali Atoui for Communications Chair, and Naper was elected.



Item 8 | Liaison Positions

- Liaison positions were assigned.

Item 9 | Wakefield Town Day

- Wakefield Town Day is an annual event where different town departments can showcase their initiatives and services they provide.
- The Youth Council will have a table at Wakefield Town Day to hopefully find volunteers for our programs and get youth interested in public service.
- It was also stated that

Item 10 | Communications

- Youth Council communications are handled by the Communications and Outreach Subcommittee.
- New Communications Chair Madeline Naper expressed excitement at being able to spread awareness about the Youth Council's initiatives.

Item 11 | Determine Next Meeting Date

- A DoodlePoll will be sent out to determine the next meeting date.

Item 12 | Other Business Not Reasonably Anticipated

Item 13 | Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned unanimously.