YOUTH SERVICES COMMISSION
EAST GRANBY, CONNECTICUT

MINUTES
October 20, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the East Granby Youth Services Commission was held Monday, October 20, 2025, at East Granby Farms in the white house. Robert Ravens-Seger called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Members also present were Evan Hanks, Sara Kleinman, and Art Reardon. Swastika Gupta and Bonnie Jones were absent. Alicia Van Neil (Program Coordinator) was also present.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

4. APPROVE MINUTES

A Reardon made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2025, meeting. E Hanks seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

5. OLD BUSINESS

A./B. Programming/Prevention-

A Van Neil and Mason Williams attended QPR training and A Van Neil went to the Assist Suicide Prevention Trainings. All the books recommended through Resilience Grows Here have been purchased and are on display at the East Granby Public Library. There will be a month of events in November to promote the new section at the library. Farmington River Health Department branded the books with plates to show the donations came from Youth Services or The Family Resource Center. The Hang Out program is going well. Boys Council and Girls Circle did not run due to low enrollment. The middle school visits will begin this week. A Van Neil and Mason Williams will go into 6th grade classes to discuss the use of social media, 7th grade to do QPR training, and 8th grade to discuss substance prevention.

C. High School and Middle School Updates- E Hanks met briefly with Tony DeMelo, High School principal, today. He will set up a more organized meeting next month, so he will have an update next month. S Gupta was absent from this meeting, so there is no Middle School update.

D. YAC Update- Jennifer Kovaleski reported on the High School YAC. The group will have student-led meetings with set topics that she and A Van Neil will help coordinate speakers/activities for. Students will also lead the events they plan to hold: a movie night in November, Recycle-A-Gift and Gingerbread House making in December. The group will help with Letters To Santa but not run the event this year. The expectations of the students this year are to either lead or co-lead a meeting or an event during this school year, as well as join at least one sub-committee each

semester. Middle School YAC- A Van Neil reported that Donna Mattera stepped down as facilitator. Alicia is filling in with Mason to currently run the group. The facilitator opening has been posted. The Middle School YAC went to Wilderness School Retreat. There were three facilitators with the group leading team-building exercises and a low-ropes course. Otherwise, the group holds student-led meetings where they organize an icebreaker and help the group prepare for different activities. They are running stations at the town Halloween party, helping with the Gingerbread House making event, holding another Veterans group program, helping the high school event with the Recycle-A-Gift program, and hosting the Great Skate in February.

E. **JRB Update-** A Reardon reported that there is no update on transitioning to the new guidelines. He and three other members will meet with the new superintendent soon.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A Van Neil asked the group for $600 to support the Halloween event.

Motion: E Hanks made a motion to appropriate $600 from the Youth Services Budget to support the Parks and Recreation Halloween Event. S Kleinman seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

8. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by A Reardon and seconded by E Hanks to adjourn the meeting at 6:57pm. Votes were unanimous. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Kovaleski
Youth Services Commission Clerk