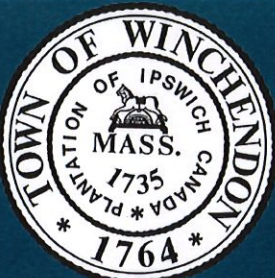


# Winchendon Youth Ad- Hoc Committee



Final logistics and  
subcommittee request



Ad-Hoc Youth  
Committee



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**Presentation  
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Ad-Hoc Youth Committee



# How Did We Get Here?

*Turned Into:*

*Then Into:*

## YOUTH CHANGEMAKERS TEAM FORMED



## YOUTH LEADERSHIP & PROGRAMS DEVELOP



## YOUTH AD-HOC COMMISSION

A team of local youth has been working together since 2019 through grant support of HEAL, CAC and United Way

Youth took on more leadership roles in town, developed projects, teen center, employment opportunities and initiatives.

Ensuring that Youth Voice and engagement is embedded in our town (and not solely grant dependent)





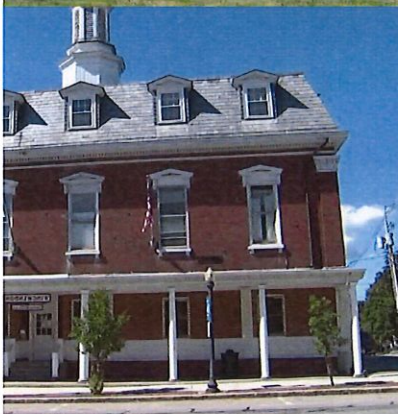
## OUTLET FOR YOUTH VOICES

- Presenting youth issues
- Giving youth-focused feedback
- Leading youth projects
- Being present in town government



## OPEN TO YOUTH LEADERS

- 7 member Youth Members
- 2 Adult Advisors (non-voting, 1 must be town staff)
- Open to 14-19 year olds
- Appointed by the Board of Selectmen

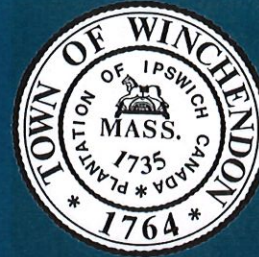


## MULTI-PURPOSE

- Increase skills and Awareness
- Youth-focused proposals & initiatives
- Official Outlet For Teen Voices to Be heard

# What is the Ad-Hoc Youth Committee?

# Principles and Purpose



## Ad-Hoc Youth Committee



### Accessible Engagement

The Committee will give a voice and inclusion to the youth of Winchendon, helping the town by informing her leaders of how their decisions affect the younger members of our community.



### Civic Education

The best teacher is experience: youth are the future of our town, and being on the WYAC will educate them on the processes and protocol of local government, allowing for a smooth transition of responsibility from the current government to the future one.



### Culture and Community

We love Winchendon, and want to make sure that is a consistent and long-lasting sentiment. The best way to ensure that our town's culture and tradition is preserved is to allow youth to have a say in shaping her present and future.

# OUR Main Goals

*Dream*  
**BIG**



## PROVIDE FEEDBACK

On the many discussions before the Town Gov, we want to present the youth's perspectives to assist decision making.

## DEVELOP PROPOSALS & PROGRAM

Investigating youth issues and developing solutions that can then be brought to the Board of Selectmen for potential action. We have established community partnerships to build off of.

## WORK W/ COMMITTEES & COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Bringing ideas to other committees for development, or being present, at their request, to provide a youth-based opinion. Writing grants and developing programs.

## TOWN ADOPTS MA GENERAL LAW CHAPTER 40 SECTION 8E TO FORM A YOUTH COMMISSION

For the Ad-Hoc committee to eventually become an official town Youth Commission.

# Example Projects for the Future of Winchendon

All projects will be determined by the ad-hoc committee members



## REPRESENTING YOUTH VOICES

Gathering youth feedback on development and bringing ideas to development meetings.



## TEEN CENTER , JOB & FINANCIAL SKILLS PROGRAMS

Developing and supporting teen events and programs (Eg. Sunshine Cafe and other projects like a movie theater)



## TOWN EVENTS LIKE TASTE OF WINCHENDON

Supports small businesses, building community pride, and Spreading ideas.



## TEENS SPREADING ART THROUGH WINCHENDON

Team up with local artist and school students, to bring color to the empty spaces of town.



# LOGISTICS

## 7 MEMBERS

+ 2 non-voting Alternates

- Resident of Winchendon
- Between 14-19 y/o
- Can attend any school in the surrounding areas
- 2 non-voting adult advisors

**CHAIR**  
**VICE CHAIR**  
**CLERK**  
**TREASURER**



Responsible for coordinating meetings, posting agendas/minutes, keeping the committee on track.

Would be first to report to other committees/Board of Selectmen

Internally Elected\*

## APPLICATIONS



Applications submitted to the Town



Reviewed/Chosen by Town Manager and Appointed by Board of Selectmen



Open May 2024

**YOUTH FROM ALL HIGH SCHOOLS ARE WELCOME**

## MEETINGS

Rules/Logistics (will be solidified in Rules & Regulations):

- Bi-weekly
- Quorum
- Posted Agendas/Minutes
- Required to abide Open Meeting Laws
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- All Committee members will participate in Open Meeting Law training.
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