



## Ridgway Youth Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

### Monday, December 7, 2020

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#### 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Town Manager Preston Neill called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and Youth Advisory members present were Anna Bartschi, Emma Berwanger, Christian Lindler, Nerea McKnitt and Emmalee Taylor. Also present were Mayor John Clark and Town Manager Preston Neill.

#### 2. Welcome and Introductions

Mayor John Clark and Town Manager Preston Neill welcomed and congratulated the inaugural members of the Ridgway Youth Advisory. Each member took a few minutes to introduce herself/himself, including their grade level, extracurricular activities, and career aspirations.

#### 3. Ice Breaker Activity

The group participated in an ice breaker activity called *Two Truths and a Lie*. Each member took a few minutes to think of and write down three statements about themselves, two of them being true and one of them being false. Each member took a turn sharing their three statements to the group and the group voted on which statement they felt was a lie. At the end of each turn, the member revealed which statement was a lie.

#### 4. Review of Authority and Procedures

Town Manager Preston Neill reviewed all sections of the *Town of Ridgway Youth Advisory Council Authority and Procedures*. The sections include: Establishment and Goals, Roles and Responsibilities, Membership and Term, Quorum, Removal from Office, Officers, Staff, Meetings, Appropriation Authority, and Council Amendments.

#### 5. Ideas and Expectations

Members were asked to identify some topics of interest that they may want to focus on or learn more about at future meetings. Some of the topics that were mentioned included:

- Fire awareness/mitigation
- Climate change/sustainability
- Environmental issues that affect the town
- Inspire youth and future generations to become more involved

#### 6. Next Meeting Date and Time

After a brief discussion, the group set dates and times for the next several meetings. They are as follows:

- Monday, January 11, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.
- Monday, February 8, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.
- Monday, March 8, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

#### 7. Future Agenda Items

Town Manager Preston Neill briefly reviewed items expected to be on future meeting agendas. The items include:

- Local Government 101 Tutorial
- Selection of Officers
- Discussion regarding future activities and community service projects

#### 8. Public Comment

No public comments were made.

#### 9. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Youth Advisory Council, the meeting was adjourned. The time was 6:58 p.m.