

YOUTH COMMISSION

Members:	Between 3-21 Parents and other caring adults (i.e. grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc.) Other Town Boards, Departments and Commissions are encouraged to designate one of their members to be a liaison to the committee. Youth associates may also be appointed for (non-voting) one-year terms. Only people specifically appointed to the Youth Commission are voting members.
Appointed by:	Board of Selectmen
Length of Term:	3 Year
Charge Approved:	December 10, 2018

Description: The Board of Selectmen appoints members to the Youth Commission. It was established to create programs as well as give advice on behalf of the youth of Belmont. The execution of the program is the responsibility of the Youth Service Coordinator, assisted by members of the Commission adult and student counters. The Youth Services program is administered by the Youth Commission. The Youth Coordinator will receive administrative oversight by the Director of the Health Department.

The Youth Commission is established pursuant to section 8E of Chapter 40 of the Massachusetts General Las. The Commission also operates as a “permanent appointed board” pursuant to Article 3 of the General By—Laws.

Activities: The Youth Commission will assess the needs of Belmont’s youth and provide for those needs, to the extent possible, with funded resources and by working cooperatively with other agencies, town departments and residents. Activities have some of the following goals:

1. Fill voids that exists due to early release, evening, weekend or vacation times.
2. Develop and implement quality programs as well as give advice on behalf of the Town’s youth, by both public and private agencies.
3. Provide Community service, especially to the Town’s elders.
4. Make available team building and peer leadership skills and encourage youth to take a leadership role in the community.
5. Offer educational experiences not provided by the Schools.
6. Offer recreational experiences not provided by the Recreation Department.
7. Work with other agencies in Town to identify needs and fulfill these requirements by asking available community service opportunities.
8. Collaborate with other entities in Town including but not limited to Belmont Wellness Coalition (Wayside), Outreach Worker, School Resource Officer, School Guidance Counselor, etc. to identify and provide support for at-risk students.
9. Facilitate opportunities for and access to resources on local, state and federal levels.
10. Create a sense of permanency of action and continuity of purpose for all youth activities.

