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**City of Newton
Youth Commission: Commissioner Meeting
February 14 at 8:00pm at Newton Free Library**

- I. Attendance & Introductions
 - a. Why did you apply to be a commissioner?

- II. Open Discussion and Review of Youth Commission Description and Goals
 - a. Found here: <https://www.newtonma.gov/government/health-human-services/youth-services/youth-commission>
 - b. The Newton Youth Commission is a volunteer body of Youth and Adults appointed by the Mayor to work on issues related to youth in the Newton community. We meet monthly - our work is determined by current events and community needs. The commission is comprised of nine students and an advisory board of both students and adults.

The Newton Youth Commission's goal is to implement programs and policies to meet the opportunities, challenges and issues of Newton youth. In addition, the purpose of this Commission is to:

 - encourage youth to take leadership roles in the community;
 - facilitate opportunities for and access to resources on local, state, and federal levels;
 - coordinate programs and activities carried on by both public and private agencies;
 - create and implement policies for the prevention of youth problems in a cooperative and professional effort;
 - create a sense of permanency of action and continuity of purpose for all youth activities.

- III. Open Discussion: Structure of Youth Commission and Commission meetings *(if time allows)*
 - a. Choosing speakers for future Youth Commission meetings

- IV. Commissioner sign-up for chairing Youth Commission meetings

- V. Other business:
 - a. Suggest agenda items for next Commissioner Meeting

- VI. Closing
 - a. Schedule next Commission meeting