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**City of Newton - Youth Commission**  
**Wednesday, February 14, 6:30pm**  
**Newton Free Library**

**I. Meeting Called to Order (2 min)**

- a. Attendance
- b. Assign Timekeeper and Notetaker

**II. Welcome Activity (25 min)**

- a. *Ice Breakers*

**III. General Commission Business (2 min)**

- a. Reading of the Youth Commission Description & Goals

- i. Found here: <https://www.newtonma.gov/government/health-human-services/youth-services/youth-commission>
- ii. 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.

**IV. Presentation from Newton's Probation Court Officers (20 min)**

**V. Subcommittee Updates (40 min)**

- a. Break-up into subcommittee groups and prep to report back to the larger group  
(3 min)
- b. Each Subcommittee Presents (4 min each)
- c. After each subcommittee presents: One thing that sounded good? One question?  
(3 min per subcommittee presentation)

**VI. Closing (5 min)**

- a. Survey Feedback
- b. Next meeting is Wednesday, March 13 at 6:30pm