

Wednesday, January 14, 2026
Mayor's Youth Council
Meeting 6:00PM in Town Hall Room 217



1. Meeting Opening

- a. Allison called the Mayor's Youth Council to order at 6:03PM.
 - i. **Present:** Allison Chen, Celia Filotto, Lyla Fisher, Jack Fitzgerald, Zuri Freeman, Maddie Geraghty, Anaya Lal, Sebastian Latif, Dylan Meer, Emmanuala Mordukai, Charlotta Partroni, Noah Sadowsky, Caeli Sullivan, Sue Tiky, Laila Zaffou, and Joanna Zheng. Guests: Carol Waxman WHPL and Carla Richardson, Fern Street Food Ministry
 - ii. **Absent:** Alina Singh and Anastasiia Verienko

2. Approval of Minutes

- a. Amendments
 - i. Motion to approve the December 17, 2025 minutes was made by Allison; Sebastian seconded.
 - ii. The minutes were approved.

3. School Reports

- a. Conard
 - i. No school on 1/19 due to Martin Luther King Jr. Day
 - ii. Midterms will take place the week of 1/19
 - iii. Boys Hockey won a game against Hall
- b. Hall
 - i. Hall Link Crew is hosting "Cookies & Cram" to help 9th graders prepare for midterms on 1/15
 - ii. Auditions for the 10-Minute Play Festival are Friday 1/16

- iii. No school on 1/19 due to Martin Luther King Jr. Day
 - iv. Midterms will take place the week of 1/19
 - v. Titans' Got Talent is 2/25
 - vi. Spring sports begin in February
 - 1. Softball 2/3
 - 2. Lacrosse 2/4
 - 3. Tennis 2/6
 - 4. Golf 2/24
- c. Kingswood Oxford
- i. Midterms were completed in December
 - ii. Boys Hockey won
 - iii. Boys Basketball won in a buzzer-beater
 - iv. No school on 1/19 due to Martin Luther King Jr. Day

4. Officer Reports

- a. Chair
- i. Alison
 - 1. The first officer meeting will be held right after midterms
 - 2. Invites will be sent via text and group chat
- b. Co-Chair
- i. Anaya
 - 1. Anaya has been updating the Google Classroom
 - 2. Subcommittee notes and reminders have been added
- c. Secretary
- i. Emmanuala
 - 1. No updates
- d. Outreach
- i. Zuri
 - 1. No updates
- e. Social Media
- i. Maddie / Mrs. Karp
 - 1. The MYC webpage was updated in December 2025
 - 2. A group photo, spring meeting dates, member names, and photos from the November Community Block Party were posted

5. Subcommittee Reports

a.. America250

i. Anaya

1. The subcommittee met on 1/9
2. The America250 WeHa the People Essay Contest is expected to go live on the Town website by 1/16
3. Essay contest flyers will be distributed in schools after midterms
4. AP Research/Seminar student volunteers will be invited to host a virtual Zoom program on 3/2 from 6:30–7:30PM to help contest participants with essay writing questions

b. Food Insecurity

i. Celia

1. Foodshare Volunteering
 - a. Foodshare sorting opportunity may take place 1/24 or 1/25, pending the completion of an online group survey
2. Snack Drive
 - a. Wrapped, boxed, and non-perishable food will be collected for school pantries
 - b. Collection may occur through school advertising, bake sales, and/or store-front tables

c. Sustainability

i. Sebastian

1. Sustainable West Hartford Commission
 - a. The next meeting is 1/26
2. Environmental Club
 - a. No meetings have taken place recently at Hall
 - b. MYC will ask the Chair for future meeting dates
3. Elmwood Clean-Up
 - a. Sebastian will contact Representative Farrar to inquire about the 2026 Elwood Clean-Up

6. Old Business

- a. Common Agreements

- i. Members drafted MYC rules and expectations in November
 - 1. The 3rd agreement will be revised to be more actionable
 - 2. Allison motioned to approve the community agreements; Sebastian seconded
- b. Kindness Project
 - i. The campaign started Monday 1/12 at WHPL
 - ii. NBC 30 News featured Mrs. Waxman on 1/13
 - iii. Local Girl Scout troops will assist at the “Big Fill” sorting event on 2/12 10:30-12:30PM at Noah Webster Library
 - iv. MYC members may sign up to help with Kindness Project sorting

7. Announcements

- a. Food Insecurity Working Group 1/14 7:00–7:45PM Town Hall Room 217
- b. Last Teen English Café hosted by Immigrant Youth Advocates Thursday, 1/15 4–5PM at Starbucks on Kane Street
- c. MLK Day Celebration Volunteers
 - i. Monday 1/19, 9:30–10:30AM in the Town Hall Auditorium
 - ii. MYC members will assist with the crafting table
- d. Next Sustainable West Hartford Commission Meeting 1/26 7–9PM Town Hall Room 407
- e. Hearts & Smarts Trivia Saturday 2/7 4-6PM Town Hall Auditorium
 - i. MYC will create a team
- f. Immigrant Youth Advocates Bracelet & Baked Goods Fundraiser for Sri Lanka flood victims 2/6 Hall

8. Adjournment

- a. Motion to adjourn was made by Allison; Sebastian seconded.
- b. The vote to adjourn the meeting was anonymous.
- c. The meeting was adjourned at 6:57PM.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 18th, 2026 6-7:00PM in Town Hall Room 217