MINUTES

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee

November 17, 2020

The meeting of the Sharon Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Chair Mrs. Kiana Pierre-Louis remotely via Zoom in accordance with Governor Baker's emergency declaration regarding public gatherings. The following, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee members were in attendance:

Members Present

Chair: Mrs. Kiana Pierre-Louis

Vice Chair: Ms. Dru Vernet

Clerk: Mrs. Wendy Alexis-Janvier

Other Members: Lt. Stephen Coffey

Mr. Lajos Kamocsay Rev. Dr. Bill Kondrath Ms. Zainab Mohammed

Ms. Ellie Zinno Ms. Marjorie Mitlin

Members Absent

Others Present

Select Board Member Hanna R. Switlekowski

Introduction

Review Committee Norms:

Rev. Dr. Kondrath reviewed the committee norms.

Administrative Items

MOTION: (Kondrath - Lajos) To approve the regular session minutes of November 2, 2020.

VOTED: 9-0-0 **PASSES**

Mrs. Wendy Alexis-Janvier Yes
Lt. Stephen Coffey Yes
Mr. Lajos Kamocsay Yes
Rev. Dr. Bill Kondrath Yes
Ms. Dru Vernet Yes
Zainab Mohammed Yes
Ms. Ellie Zinno Yes

Mrs. Kiana Pierre-Louis Yes

Review of Correspondence

Mrs. Pierre-Louis provided an update on the issues the committee continues to face with email distribution. Mrs. Alexis-Janvier summarized the correspondence received between October 22 -November 17, 2020.

Police Tour for Committee Members

Lt. Coffey invites committee members and public to take a tour of the Sharon Police department. He requests that those interested send an email to him to schedule a meeting and ask that we limit the number of people we bring due to Covid-19.

Training Update

Mrs. Pierre-Louis summarized a meeting with Fred Turkington regarding the next steps for training. The subcommittee will provide an update at the next meeting. Training companies will join us for the next meeting for a formal discussion with the committee. Ms. Ledbetter shared additional details on the progress of the subcommittee.

Resource for the website

The committee plans to add resources to the committee webpage. Mrs. Pierre-Louis asked town members to email the DEIC, Mrs. Pierre-Louis, or Mrs. Alexis-Janvier if there are resources they would like to see posted on the DEIC webpage.

Community Group/Organization presentations

Various community groups and organizations shared information on their organization and the steps they are taking in the area of diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Community Comments and Conclusion

The next meeting date is set for December 3, 2020.

Committee and community members shared their appreciations and regrets.

Adjourn

MOTION: (Kondrath - Mitlin) To adjourn the meeting at 9:47 p.m.

<u>VOTED:</u> 9-0-0 **PASSES**

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Ms. Dru Vernet Yes
Zainab Mohammed Yes

Ms. Ellie Zinno Yes Mrs. Kiana Pierre-Louis Yes Ms. Marjorie Mitlin Yes