



**Diversity and Inclusion Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 20, 2022**

1. **Call to Order 6:02pm**
 - a. **Attendance:** Erin Omicioli, Ann Grasso, Bob McNaughton, Clare Serrantino, Whitney Simmons, Carol Perry
2. **Approval of Agenda** – All in agreement of current agenda without correction
3. **Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes** – Motion by clare, Second by Carol, passed unanimously
 - a. **Approval of Special Meeting Minutes** - Motion by clare, Second by Carol, passed unanimously
4. **Town Council Liaison Report** – No town liaison in attendance. Concern that meeting agenda and minutes are not submitted so Erin and Carol offered to be responsible for making sure the needed documents are submitted timely to the town clerk.
5. **Cromwell Public Schools District Equity Committee Liaison Report** – No new report, will pick up in September.
6. **LGBTQ+ Committee update** – LGBTQ+ committee is hosting events
7. **Old Business**
 - a. **Community Outreach Survey** – Motion to accept survey and distribute by Carol, second by Clare, passed unanimously. We will present the survey to the town council before being distributed and Alice will reach out to get on an upcoming agenda. After presenting the survey to the town council, we will send the survey out via social media and ask local organizations to allow printed copies with collection boxes – Erin will email the link to all committee members and create a QR code.
 - b. **Content Production / posting schedule** – Erin will reach out to get the Gmail password and work on creating a shared calendar.
 - c. **Affordable Housing forum** – Final draft has been submitted to Planning and Zoning, and the town is currently at 6.6% for affordable housing, while the state wants 10%. Planning and Zoning is also looking into single, detached family homes. Ann can provide additional information if requested.
 - d. **Cromwell Creative District Summer Fest** – Subcommittee met and finalized activity we will offer. Clare shared her screen to show examples of creating faces, hands, and people to display. Books about diversity will also be out for reading. Clare will create a donation jar as well for the table. Erin completed the requested forms and submitted them to the Creative District. We need DEI Committee members to volunteer for the event on July 30 (rain date Aug 6). All that are volunteering for the event will need to commit to both

dates. Ann also mentioned that there is a new business in town that will offer meeting space and gallery space and wants to collaborate with other town/local non-profits. Erin, Alice and Carol have volunteered to be at the event for July 30, Clare and Whitney are available for the rain date.

8. New Business

- a. **ADA Event/Project** – Discussion tabled to allow for funding updates from Elsie
- b. **Ice Cream for a Dream** – Clare is waiting for confirmation from the library to partner for this event.

9. Open Forum/For the Good of the Organization - Reminder of next regular meeting on July 18th at 6pm.

10. Adjourn - Motion to adjourn 7:10 pm by Bob, second by Clare. Passed unanimously.

Signed,
Erin Omicioli
Secretary