



**41 West Street , Cromwell CT 06416**

**LQBTG+ COMMITTEE  
SPECIAL MEETING- MINUTES  
JUNE 28, 2021  
7:00 PM VIA ZOOM**

- Call to order: 7:05 by Jacey Long.  
Introductions/ attendance: Jacey Long, Thomas Foran, Molly Sayles, Matt Brown, Kathy Bremer

Liaison: James Demetriades

Cromwell Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee members: Elsie Newcombe, Bob McNaughton, Jennifer Beck, Carol Perry, Aigne Goldsby.

Cromwell Creative District: Katie Daigle

- Approval of agenda : Thomas Foran motion, Kathy 2nd
- Bob McNaughton shared "Equal Opportunity and Liberty for All" information.
- Jacey discussed meeting with the town manager. She was met with resistance regarding supporting the displaying of rainbow flags in town. He was also resistant to adding a mural to a building in town demonstrating the town's unity in accepting the LGBTQ+ community. He also was not in agreement with the need to add a rainbow crosswalk in town. He did agree to a Peace Pole on school property which would need to be approved and supported by CPS superintendent Dr. Marci. Placing a banner on Main St. was discussed with Mr. Salvatore. Jacey was informed that the committee would have to go to DOT to get approval. He would not agree to placing an LGBTQ+ banner in the town hall. Members of the CCD and Equity committee expressed their disappointment.
- The team discussed a need for a more "Local Solution". This would include more involvement with all community members: schools, parents, business owners, other local councils and committees. Perhaps a letter writing campaign.

- James D. added much info regarding the community needs and our effort moving forward to add a strong platform for community involvement.

Next Steps/Plan for the next year:

- Plan to increase community involvement
- Talk to elected officials/town council directly
- Ensure Peace Pole placement
- Move forward with approval of LGBGQ+ Acceptance banner
- Move forward with town council members regarding rainbow crosswalk
- Hold community events in an effort to bring awareness and comfort for all community members
- Outreach efforts: Public events, joint venture with schools (especially CHS and Gay and Straight Alliance committee). Community forum to start "Open Discussion".
- Elsie, Aigne, and Carol discussed ways to make events "joint ventures".
- Town held Chalking Event - Town manager Mr. Salvatore will support this.
- Create a Facebook Page
- Share minutes with the Town Manager/Town Council?
- PD for CPS teachers

**Move forward with Chalk Based Initiative with support for CCD - July/August 2021**

Motion to approve - Matt Brown, second Thomas Foran, passed unanimously

- **Create Facebook page to create Outreach initiative** - Matt Brown approved, Molly Sayles second, passed unanimously

**Next Meeting - July 21, 2021. 7:00 PM Virtual**

**8:08 Meeting adjourned:** Thomas Foran, Second Matt Brown

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Bremer