

Town of Boxborough
Diversity Equity & Inclusion Committee
Regular Session Meeting Minutes
Conducted on Zoom
July 8, 2021

PRESENT: Wes Fowlks, Member; John Fallon, Member; Peishan Bartley, Member; Lovingsky Jasmin, Chair; Mary Sullivan, Member; Nora Michnovetz, Member

ABSENT: Lakshmi Kaja, Member; Amy Osenar, Member; Song Issah, Member; Olivia Jones, Member

At 7:04 PM, Jasmin called the meeting to order.

Agenda:

- Approve minutes from May 11th
- Discuss the DEIC town meeting article that was voted on at the Boxborough town meeting.
- Final discussion on the DEIC survey
- Boxborough Rental Assistance Program (BRAP): Possibility for the DEIC to work with the Housing board on a joint plan.

At 7:06, Fowlks moved to approve the DEIC's minutes from May 11th. Seconded by Fallon.

Roll call vote: Fallon – Aye, Bartley – Aye, Sullivan – Aye, Jasmin – Aye, Michnovetz – Aye, Fowlks -- Aye, Approved 6-0

The members were pleased with the passing of the DEIC's town meeting article.

Sullivan suggested posting the town meeting article on the DEIC webpage. Fowlks offered to ask the assistant town administrator to do so.

Fowlks then mentioned that the town of Acton is considering hiring a town DEI officer and suggested requesting an inter-municipal agreement.

The committee deliberated and agreed a DEI officer could make a great town resource.

At 7:26, Fowlks moved to recommend to the Boxborough Selectboard to consider proposing an inter-municipal agreement to Acton to create a position for a shared DEI officer. Seconded by Fallon.

Roll call vote: Fallon – Aye, Bartley – Aye, Sullivan – Aye, Jasmin – Aye, Michnovetz – Aye, Fowlks -- Aye Approved 6-0

The committee then began discussing their DEI survey. Bartley completed a simplified Mandarin and traditional Mandarin translation of the survey. Fowlks began organizing a Spanish translation.

The committee then formed a list of potential outlets for distributing surveys and agreed to target mid-September for survey distribution.

The committee then discussed an opportunity offered by the housing board to assist in the Boxborough Rental Assistance Program (BRAP). The committee was interested in learning more about the program and how they could assist, and Jasmin offered to contact them.

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Bartley reported that the Library's community conversation on anti-racism was successful, and they hope to do more.

At 8:39, Fowlks moved to adjourn. Seconded by Sullivan.

**Roll Call Vote: Fallon – Aye, Bartley – Aye, Sullivan – Aye, Jasmin – Aye, Michnovez – Aye, Fowlks -- Aye
Approved 6-0**