



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

Mary Bylone, First Selectman

Ad Hoc Committee for Diversity & Inclusion Minutes

Tuesday, December 22, 2020 at 6 p.m.

Via Zoom

Members Present: Denise Turner, Joanne Rose, Roberta Avery, Lisa Johnson, Denise Mizla, Joanne Philips, Rev. Lauren Lorincz. Also present: Senior Center Director Patty Watts

1. Call to order – D. Turner called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm
2. Additions or deletions to the agenda – None
3. Presentation from Patty Watts, Director Colchester Senior Center – P. Watts gave an overview of the Senior Center including details of programming, membership and the project for the new building.
4. Citizens comments – None
5. Approval of minutes from November 24, 2020 meeting – Correction to reflect Joanne Philips was not present at the meeting. R. Avery motioned to approve minutes with the correction. D Mizla seconded. Motion Carried.
6. Discussion and possible action on the structure of the Diversity and Inclusion Commission – The proposed structure of the committee is 5-7 people with 2 alternates. The focus will be on education, housing, policing, transportation, youth, people with disabilities, mental health, LGBTQ, religious differences, aging. Liaisons will be invited to provide support from other agencies within the town.
7. Citizens comments – None
8. Next steps – Invite Town Planner Matt Bordeaux to the next meeting to discuss Economic Development and Long-Term Recovery.
9. Next meeting – The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at 6 pm.
10. Adjourn – R. Avery motioned to adjourn. Seconded by D. Mizla. Meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm.

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Submitted By,

Stacey Schweighoffer, Clerk