



MINUTES
Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Meeting
Scitico Conference Room
Monday, February 27, 2023 – 6:00 pm

1. **Roll Call:** John Malinoski, Yanired Toledo-DeMicheli, Brandon Jewell, Monica Ogums, Rosalind Swift, Chad Woodyard and Assistant Town Manager Steve Bielenda. Meeting called to order at 6:01 pm

Mayor Bob Cressotti opened the meeting and welcomed everyone who was in attendance.

2. **Approval of January 30, 2023, Meeting Minutes**

Brandon Jewell made a motion to approve January 30, 2023, Meeting Minutes. Monica Ogums seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

3. **Election of Chair and Vice Chair** – The Committee needs to elect a chair and a Vice Chair.

- Chair - Brandon Jewell interested
 - He has a Data studies background and has served on boards and commissions
- Vice Chair – Monica Ogums interested
 - She is a CCD teacher who has interest in youth and seniors and she is happy see this initiative in Enfield
- Chair – Rosalind Swift interested
 - Has lived in Enfield for 40+ years and has served on boards and commissions as a member and chair

The committee conducted a blind vote. Assistant Town Manager Steven Bielenda tallied the vote.

- Chair
 - Brandon Jewell – 5 Votes
 - Rosalind Swift – 1 Vote
- Vice Chair
 - Monica Ogums – 6 Votes

Brandon Jewell was elected Chairman and Monica Ogums was elected Vice Chairman.

4. **Discussion of Mission Statement**

The committee members decided to create a shared google document to create a Committee Mission Statement and will vote on it at the March 13, 2023, Meeting.

5. Any other Business to come before the committee

- Public Communication

Chairman Brandon Jewell asked the committee if they would like public comment. Vice Chairman Monica Ogums made a motion to open public communication. Yanired Toledo-Demicheli seconded. Motion Carried.

Chairman Brandon Jewell opened public communication with the understanding that the public would have 3 minutes and had to refrain from personality to speak to the committee.

- Community Assessment/Survey

The committee is looking into putting together a community assessment/survey to collect data pertaining to DEI needs from the residences of Enfield.

Mayor Bob Cressotti is going to check with the Town and Board of Education to see if they have any survey data.

- Ground Rules for Meetings and Public Communications

Chairman Brandon Jewell will be sharing draft google documents with committee members to develop ground rules. Ground rules will be voted on at the March 13, 2023, meeting.

6. Discussion of Future Meeting Schedule

- The Committee decided to meet on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM indefinitely.

The meeting adjourned at 7:13 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brandon Jewell – Chairman