

TOWN OF BOLTON

BOLTON DIVERSITY COMMISSION

February 15, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

The Diversity Commission met on February 15, 2022 with the Chair Amanda Gordon presiding. Also in attendance were: Vice Chair Kawan Gordon, Cheryl Udin, Jennifer Cyr, John Toomey, Rhea Klein, Anne Decker, Dan Bergin, and Paula Meyers. Also in attendance was First Selectman Pam Sawyer

1. Call to Order

a) A. Gordon Called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm

2. Public Comment

b) Chris Davey – Chris previously researched, and in 2021 shared to Facebook, a history of Black residents in Bolton. He offered to make available his research on the history of Bolton’s non-white populations for the committee to use. The link: [HTTPS://tinyurl.com/9r3e7nd7](https://tinyurl.com/9r3e7nd7)

c) Rod Fournier – Attended the meeting as he is considering Joining as a committee member

3. Introductions - New Members –

d) New member Dan Bergin introduced himself

4. Approval of Minutes

a) Motion: I move that we accept the minutes of 1/18/22

- By: Cheryl Udin Second: Rhea Klein
- Voting For - 8 in favor
- Abstained – 1 abstention – Dan Bergin

5. Review of Data From FOIA

e) The committee reviewed the information J. Toomey received from Dept. of Emergency Serv. And Public Protection legal affairs:

- 0 incidents of hate crime in 2016-2021
- A Newspaper article J. Toomey found indicates 2 incidents of crimes against Asian-Americans in 2020. Could not find anything to support this nor anything to reconcile to the information he received through the FOIA request

6. Review of Surveys

a) Youth Survey Draft

- Discussed the draft Youth Survey that was prepared

b) Adult Survey

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c) Distribution Plan - Discussed a potential distribution plan:

- Locations – advertise and make accessible through:
 - a. All Town social media platforms (town Facebook pages, town Instagram), as well as personal Social media.
 - b. Town bulletin
 - c. Electronic “School Backpack” program, for nonschool-related distributions
 - d. Small businesses, with permission, with possible QR code?
- Modalities
 - a. Google Doc
 - b. Hard Copies (available at library and Sr. Center)
 - c. Possible version in Spanish
- Timeline

- a. Finalize survey 2/22/22 at special meeting
- b. Present to BOS for approval at 3/1/22 meeting
- c. Accept completed Surveys for about 2 months
- d. Analyze data and present findings – May- until completion

7. Discussion of Other Commission Activities

- a) Tabled this item for future meeting

8. Summary of Assigned Tasks -

- a) Survey to be tweaked by subcommittee members for final review at special meeting to be held on 2/22/22 at 6pm
- b) P. Meyers to investigate getting the survey translated into Spanish
- c) Youth Survey Subcommittee to review survey with Superintendent K. Heckt for possible support/ recommendations

9. Adjournment

- a) Adjourned meeting by consensus at 8:43

Respectfully Submitted,

Paula Meyers

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Please see minutes of subsequent meetings for corrections to these minutes and any corrections hereto.