

**Resolution or the Creation of an
Ad Hoc Commission
On Diversity & Inclusion**

Unanimously Adopted January 5, 2021

Whereas a number of residents of the Town of Bolton have called for the creation of a commission to address issues of diversity and inclusion; and

Whereas national events in 2020 brought issues of systemic racism and bigotry to the forefront of the minds of all and was the cause of a demonstration in support of diversity and inclusion being held in Bolton; and

Whereas the Board of Selectmen recognizes that the Town can do more to address issues of diversity and inclusion in town; and

Whereas the Town recognizes that it may not fully aware of all issues of diversity and inclusion that may arise within Bolton in any given year and may require resident help in input in order to be able to address issues as they arise; and

Whereas the Board of Selectmen's Subcommittee on Finance & Administration recommended at their meeting on December 21, 2020, that an ad hoc Commission on Diversity & Inclusion be created in order to better address issues of diversity and inclusion that may arise within the town government and the community-at-large; therefore it be

Resolved that the Bolton Board of Selectmen; under the authority of Section 5.1, subsection C.2 of the Town Charter; creates a temporary ("ad hoc") Commission on Diversity & Inclusion, which shall consist of up to 15 members as are appointed to it by the Board, who shall be empaneled for a term of one year following the first meeting of the Commission, and which shall be empowered to create its own agenda as it seeks to address issues pertaining to town government and community diversity and inclusion with the caveat that it shall be an advisory body reporting to the Board of Selectmen.