

Agenda

Town of Hartford Committee on Racial Equity and Inclusion (HCOREI)

Hartford Town Hall Room 1 and Zoom

Wednesday, February 15, 2023

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

In Attendance

- Committee Members: Sara Campbell - Chair, John Hall – Vice-Chair, Pat Autilio – Clerk, Kim Souza, Ally Tufenkjian, Miriam Wood
- Student Liaison: Molly Armbrust
- Community Members: Janelle Sahutski

Agenda Topic

6:03 PM Call to Order

Approval of 2/1 meetings minutes: **Motion: Ally, John: 2nd, unanimous voice approval**

6:04 PM Acknowledge and welcome community members

6:05 PM General Updates

- Town Manager Search
 - Job has been posted
- Abundant Sun Training Report out
 - Report not yet released to the public. Needs to be accompanied by context. Followup is planned.
 - Results are available for separately and collectively for the eight participating townships for comparison.
 - Next steps: Meeting again with Abundant Sun on Feb. 28. Prepare to present to staff.
- Community Safety Review
 - Gail has edited RFP and sent to Chief Sheldon to review and comments. Hope to release by end of February.
- Coffee with Committees at Town Meeting
 - March 4th – 9 to 10am. Kim and Pat (& Ally?) will host a table. Pat will ask Ann if she has HCOREI materials.
- Police Chief Welcome
 - Reception happened Feb 15 at 5. Was cordial, informal.

6:20 Quarterly Update Drafting

Selectboard update scheduled for Feb. 21 – Sara will be away; John tentatively will be presenting.

Topics

- *Charge Renewal 4/2023*
- *Webpage Status - can we get an update on the plan for the town website*
- *Policy On Policies and Templates*
- *Community Safety Review*

6:45 PM Working Group Check-ins

- Juneteenth
 - Sara reached out to Tatum Barnes. He had many suggestions for kid's activities. Quechee Lakes DEI group has volunteered can lead in this area
- RHRR

- NAACP Chapter materials have been sent to regional coordinator for approval
- Education
 - Equity Coordinator job description is currently under review.
- Policy
 - At Tuesday's SB meeting, will be asking for updates from (acting) town manager on adoption of recommended HCOREI

7:00 PM New Business

- One more HCOREI meeting before election
 - Will need to identify new school board liaisons
- Pat recommends multi-part documentary, *Amend*, on Netflix. It covers the history of the 14th Amendment. Hosted by Will Smith.
- Pat recommends Black History Month daily email newsletter written by (ED of VT Office of Racial Equity) Xusana Davis: <https://vermont.us21.list-manage.com/track/click?u=1f7dea4c5948b51f9af7ed019&id=62ef602b24&e=e7342208df>
- Kim recommends - Racial Justice Housing Jam – Feb 16 on 4:30-6 - <https://www.abundantsun.com/what-we-do/projects/housingjam/>

7:29 PM Adjourn

Motion: Kim, 2nd Sara, unanimous voice approval

HCOREI Members

Sara Campbell – Chair (through 4/5/2023)
 John Hall – Vice Chair (through 4/5/2023)
 Pat Autilio – Clerk (through 3/7/2024)
 Joe Major – (through 5/2/2024)
 Miriam Wood – (through 5/2/2024)
 Russell North - Schoolboard Rep
 Vacant seat for School Board
 Ally Tufenkjian - Selectboard Rep
 Kim Souza - Selectboard Rep
 Student Liaison: Molly Armbrust
 Student Liaison #2: Vacant