

## **Town of Hartford Committee on Racial Equity and Inclusion**

**Wednesday June 16, 2021**

**6:00 PM to 7:30 PM**

**In Attendance:** Allene Swienckowski (She/Her), Joe Major (He/Him), Sara Campbell (She/Her), Russell North (He/Him), John Hall (He/Him), Ann Reynolds (She/Her)

### **6:05 PM Call to Order**

- Approve minutes June 2, 21
- Motion: Ann moves to pass, John Seconds - Passed unanimously
- Allene is moving out of the area - John Hall will become chair.

### **6:05 PM Acknowledge and welcome community members**

- In Attendance: Kim Souza, Audrey Devost, Brigid and Molly Armbrust, Michelle Boleski, Pat Autillio
- Audrey applied for an AERA grant for education research project around school based discipline
  - Application still in review - should hear back in July

### **6:14 PM Declaration of Inclusion for the Town of Hartford - Ally Tufenkjian**

The state and many towns in the state have created formal declarations of inclusion and it is recommended Hartford adopt one.

- Discussion including school board policy/procedure implemented last year
- <https://www.hsdvt.com/uploads/Policies/Anti-Racism%20Policy.pdf>
- <https://www.hsdvt.com/uploads/Policies/Anti-Racism%20Procedure.docx>
- Shared some samples from around the state

**Motion:** John moves that a workgroup of HCOREI craft a Declaration of inclusion for the town of Hartford to discuss at the next HCOREI meeting - Ann seconded - passed unanimously

### **6:30 PM Juneteenth Working Group**

- Discussed final details including weather and other events happening in the UV.
  - Dartmouth college event 12-2 - then coming over to Hartford
  - Dia Draper to provide catered food
- Line up:
  - MC: Joe Major, Vice Chair Hartford Selectboard, HCOREI Member
  - Ella Bogbonoff
  - Dia Draper, Tuck Assistant Dean for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
  - Congressman Peter Welch, United States Representative, Vermont
  - Alexandria Warden, Northern Stage
  - Maggi Ibrahim, Hartford School District Diversity Coordinator
  - Laura Perez – Executive Director SNSC
  - John Hall, HCOREI Vice Chair, and Hannah Jeffery
  - Representative Kevin Christie, Vermont House of Representatives and Hartford Schoolboard Chair

- Curtiss Reed – Vermont Partnership for Fairness and Diversity
- Jag Productions
- Zac Davis, DJ

**7:05 PM**

**New Business**

- In person meeting on July 7 - discussion around details
  - what zoom account to use?
  - What technology is available in the town hall?
  - How difficult is it to do hybrid

**Motion** - Ann moved to hold July 7 meeting in person at the town hall and we will use John Hall's zoom (same meeting settings as remote). John seconded. Passed unanimously

**7:15 PM**

**Adjournment**

- Joe moved to adjourn