

Special Selectboard Meeting

July 14, 2020

7 PM at Craftsbury Town Hall

Present: Bruce Urie, Jim Jones, Mandy Woodley, Rudy Chase and Linda Ramsdell

Present via Zoom: John Zaber and Farley Brown

Absent: Lily Dunbar

Bruce welcomed everyone, stating this meeting was solely for the formation of this new town committee addressing equity. He mentioned one person declined the position, and the Selectboard is working on selecting another potential member.

Bruce said the first task is considering a name for the group. Second task is developing the language for the postcard to be sent out to everyone in Town, encouraging people to get back, to see who is willing to be part of the conversation. He mentioned Penelope can help with the bulk mailing aspect. Michelle will help on the printing. The group will also need to develop a mission statement, the purpose of the group. They decided to wait on the mission statement, until they received more feedback from the community.

After discussion, the group decided on Craftsbury Equity Team for the name. They discussed, how the Town can move forward together, how to learn from one another. John mentioned the memorial on the Common, soldiers that fought against slavery in the Civil War, and gave their lives for the cause.

They will review the language in the Town Plan and the vision statement in the Community Visit.

The CET Group starting working on the wording for the new postcard asking first, what equity means to them and second, what they would like this team to address. The team will get the word out through FPF, facebook and the Town website. Michelle will create a google doc so members can fine tune the wording for the postcard. They decided the questions can also be offered in an online survey instead of just the postcard responses. Michelle will set up the survey online through google forms.

Meeting adjourned at 9 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Warren, Selectboard Clerk