

Pelham Anti Racism Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

DATE: 6 / 7 / 2021

Meeting Facilitator: Roy Regozin

Meeting Note Taker: Roy Regozin

Members in Attendance: Anne Stoddard, Jessie Jean-Louis, Karen Ribeiro, Roy Regozin, Pat Schumm

Members Absent: Charlie Lynch, Jacqueline Faison, Matteo Ramos-Mucci, Dan Robb

Additional attendees from the public:

Opening details: The meeting was scheduled to begin at 7:30 as a Zoom meeting. At or about 7:45 five members were present. A discussion occurred concerning whether a quorum was present. The members did not know whether the size of the Committee had been reduced below 11 members. An attempt was made to contact an absent member who might have had additional information, but that was unsuccessful. Being unsure whether a quorum was present, it was decided not to proceed with the meeting as scheduled, but rather to discuss one of the items on the Agenda, anti-racism training for town officials.

The members present commented on a draft Recommendation that had been uploaded to the Committee's document folders. The comments included, among other things, recommending that the training be mandatory, recommending that the training be offered annually so that new personnel and personnel who had not previously been trained could be trained, and the use of the pronoun "we." The comments made will be reflected in a revised draft of the Recommendation, which will be discussed at the next meeting of the Committee.

It also was decided to refer to the Education working group an inquiry received by Charlie Lynch concerning discrepancies in MCAS scores for Math.

Finally, it was decided to schedule a meeting on June 16 at 7:30 pm for the purpose of considering the revised draft of the Recommendation for Anti-Racism Training.

Next Meeting Date: June 16, 2021

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