

Meeting of the Task Force for the Protection of Town Volunteers & Officials
Special Meeting
February 22, 2024
Easton Town Hall, 7PM

The minutes of the February 22, 2023, meeting held at the Easton Town Hall.

The meeting was called to order by Nicholas D'Addario at 7:01PM.

Members Present: Nicholas D'Addario

Maureen Williams

Gerry O'Brien

This being the initial meeting of the Task Force introductions were the first order of business with each member sharing a brief (auto)biographical sketch of themselves.

Nicholas D'Addario made a motion that he be the chair of the Task Force as he was the Selectman chosen to spearhead the effort. Maureen Williams moved the motion and Gerry O'Brien seconded it. The motion carried unanimously.

Setting a tentative schedule of meetings was next order of business and it was agreed Mondays @ 7PM should work and the schedule may be:

3/04, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25

Potential meetings by Zoom was discussed but nothing determined.

Discussion of Purpose of Task Force

Chairman D'Addario suggested a "bucket" approach to defining the scope and purpose of the Task Force. Thus breaking down into manageable and defined categories or "buckets".

These buckets would include:

- Insurance- What do we have and what do we need?
- Ethics- What rules, guidelines, or possible ordinances would be helpful in encouraging ethical behavior and conduct.
- Eligibility- What is screening process for volunteers and officials and does it need to be adjusted in any way?
- Media- What role can Social Media and other forms of Communication be used in a proactive manner to protect employees and volunteers.

Chairman D'Addario put forth a suggestion on whether a Civility Pledge be adopted by the Town that lays out guidelines for behavior in all interactions. A variety of samples of such pledges were presented with discussion of which may be the type and tone that would be best for our purposes.

Chairman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:53PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gerry O'Brien/Secretary

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