Meeting of the Task Force for the Protection of Town Volunteers and Officials March 4, 2024 Meeting Easton Town Hall, 7PM

The minutes of the March 4, 2024, meeting held at the Easton Town Hall. The meeting was called to order by Nicholas D'Addario at 7:02PM.

Members Present: Nicholas D'Addario Maureen Willliams Gerry O'Brien Pending Members Present: Paul Lindoerfer
Darin Bershefsky

Maureen Williams moved to have the Minutes of the February 22, 2024 approved as written. Gerry O'Brien seconded it. The motion was carried unanimously.

In an effort to expound on the "Buckets" approach to the goals of the Task Force we discussed the framework we had gone over at the last Meeting in an effort to bring the Pending Members up to speed.

- —Insurance—There may be little we can do here but may need a definitive statement from our Coverage. Perhaps coming up with some Statement of Protection if at all possible.
- EthicsPerhaps review the Code of Ethics for the Town to be more inclusive and/or more specific. Also look and review at Human Resources Manual as well as Social Media guidelines for employees and volunteers.
- -Training- Is their available literature and/or video modules that could be useful in the areas of conflict resolution and engagement with the public. Maybe a mentor program that could help establish behavioral norms for all.
- -Guidelines- How can we keep people from being onerous to others by not respecting time and space norms. Restrict Town Hall worker's office hours for visitation? Agreement on importance of the Chair in every Meeting to take the temperature of the room and be aware of any acrimony, be it spoken or unspoken.
- -Pledge- Reviewed what the Civility Pledge would look like for employees and volunteers. Also discussed the tone and language of said Pledge.

(Pending) Members were asked for their input and suggestions.

- -Paul Lindoerfer suggested rules regarding procedures that one should follow if they feel offended by the treatment of co-workers or co-volunteers. Also suggested signs in Meeting Rooms as a gentle reminder that civility is expected.
- –Darin Bershefsky expressed a need for us to focus on Protection as an important purpose of the Task Force and group concurred and agreed to work to that end.

Chairman D'Addarrio moved to the adjourn the Meeting and Gerry O'Brien seconded it. Meeting adjourned at 8:35PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Gerry O'Brien/Secretary