

**Easton Diversity and Inclusion Task Force (EDIT)  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, January 28, 2020 at 7:30pm  
Remote meeting via Zoom**

**Attendance**

Present: Lise Fleurette, Adam Parker, Whendi Cook Broderick, Darrell Harris, Elaine O'Keefe, Shari Williams, Chris Peritore

Absent:

**1.Call To Order**

Lise Fleurette called meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

**New Member Introduction**

Chris Peritore introduced as newest full member of EDIT. Chris gave a brief background about himself including growing up in Easton, his current college focus, and interests in being a member of EDIT.

**2. Guest Speakers**

- Devon Wible (on behalf of Easton Democratic Town Committee (DTC) Racial and Social Justice Taskforce)
- Wendy Bowditch (on behalf of Easton Republican Town Committee (RTC))

Devon and Wendy gave a detailed presentation about an upcoming virtual program including several members of the original 1961 "Freedom Riders". The program will be offered to Easton as well as several of our surrounding local communities. The event is scheduled to take place on Feb 4.

**3. Presentation by Elaine O'Keefe**

Elaine gave a detailed presentation on her work with Health Equity Solutions (HES), and how they have facilitated municipalities in declaring racism a public health crisis, as the Town of Easton has. Elaine also shared information about an upcoming virtual event by HES on Feb 3 which explores how communities like Easton are putting their declarations into action

**4. Other updates**

Recruitment – One seat open (non-democrat (R/U/I) alternate member).

Speaker Series – ongoing additions being discussed at each meeting

Subcommittees – Discussion and early discovery accepted as follows:

- Elaine O’Keefe – Action items related to Easton’s Resolution on Racism & Public health.
- Darrell Harris – Demographics & Data
- Shari Williams – Revision/Broadening of EDIT Charge
- Adam Parker – Youth sports accessibility/resources in neighboring disadvantaged communities

## **5. Approval Of Minutes**

Minutes from December 28 meeting approved.

### **Motions**

Lise made motion for EDIT to sponsor Freedom Riders event. Shari second, vote 6-0 in favor of sponsorship.

Darrell made motion to approve minutes from October 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting, Whendi second, vote 6-0 for approval.

### **Public Comment**

None.

## **6. Adjourn**

Lise made motion to adjourn. Motion seconded, 6-0 in favor of adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 9:48 p.m.

Submitted by,  
Adam Parker, Secretary