

Minutes

Easton Diversity & Inclusion Task Force (EDIT)

Regular Meeting

Thursday November 2, 2023 at 7:30pm

in the Easton Library Conference Room

1. Call to order 7:32pm

2. Roll call

(a) Present

Darrell Harris, Emjek Cordover, Elizabeth Katz, Hilary Desmond, Whendi Cook Broderick, John Halleran

(b) Apologies

Paco Acosta

3. Approval of minutes for October 5, 2023

Moved by Elizabeth that the minutes be approved as submitted.

Seconded by Jonny. Passed unanimously.

4. Public comment

None.

5. Board member comment

(a) Whendi

It's been pleasing to see the general appreciation for EDIT and its work during election season.

Tonight at Board of Selectmen meeting Robert Lessler is receiving a citation from the Connecticut General Assembly for his work as Selectman for the past 24 years. EDIT appreciates his service.

6. Subcommittee reports

(a) Programs

Easton Pride is putting together an event for Saturday December 9, at Sport Hill Farm. Hilary will email out more information as it becomes available.

Whendi raised plans for Black History Month and some early discussions she has been involved with. She will share more before next meeting.

Whendi noted neurodiversity month is coming up again in March.

(b) Communications

John reported on his discussions with the Easton Courier, who are happy to cover our events provided we give them notice.

John described his conversation with Gale Papageorge, who has offered to help EDIT with fundraising and would be a great resource for the Taste of Easton and Redding event.

7. Discussion and possible action

(a) Collaborations to share culture through food

Paco reached out to the Senior Center, which will discuss hosting the Taste of Easton and Redding event at their meeting on November 14.

Sheila was not available to attend this evening, but does not have any substantive updates.

Action: Darrell will chat with Sal from Taste of Easton about the partnership and relay outcomes to EDIT members in advance of the December meeting.

(b) Proposed dates for 2024 meetings

Moved by Hilary that the following dates be set for EDIT meetings, each at 7pm on the relevant date in the Easton Library Conference Room:

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| • Thursday January 4, 2024 | • Thursday August 1, 2024 |
| • Thursday February 1, 2024 | • Thursday September 5, 2024 |
| • Thursday March 7, 2024 | • Thursday October 10, 2024 |
| • Thursday April 4, 2024 | • Thursday November 7, 2024 |
| • Thursday May 2, 2024 | • Thursday December 5, 2024 |
| • Thursday June 6, 2024 | • Thursday January 9, 2025 |

Seconded by Elizabeth. Passed unanimously.

Action: Whendi to do an email introduction between Emjek and the library.

Action: Emjek to book the library conference room for those dates.

8. Other business

None.

9. Adjourn 8:00pm

Moved by Elizabeth.

Seconded by Hilary, passed unanimously.