



TEAM Westport Action Meeting Minutes
Thursday November 3, 2022 (Via Zoom)
(Approved for Distribution)
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Members: Harold Bailey, Jr. (Chair), Jen Tooker (First Selectwoman), Maggie Mudd, Rev. Alison Patton, Bernicestine McLeod, Zoe Tarrant, Catherine Lewis, Andy Frankel, Joo Kershner, Patra Kanchanagom, Liang Feng, Carolina Mata, Susan Ellis

Attendees:

Lee Goldstein, Liz Heyer, Kevin Christie, Foti Koskinas, Sam Arciola, Danielle Dobin, Brian McGunagle, Lynn Scully, Tom Kiely, Candice Savin, Danielle Teplica, Kristi Law, Alex Giannini, Liz Falk, Tom Foran, Elaine Daignault, Harris Falk, Jenny Nelson, Kendall Driffin, Erika Wesley, Joan Gillman, Jonathan Steinberg, Emma Lowenstein, Brett Aronow, Jimmy Izzo, Gretchen Webster, Sonja Jagenberg, Jill Nadel, Tom Prince, Rebecca Martin, Faith Sweeney, Melynda Barnes, Staci Lewis.

Action Minutes of TEAM Westport Zoom meeting held on Thursday, November 3, 2022

Meeting called to order at 8:07 a.m. by the Chair.

- 1) Attendees were welcomed.
- 2) Minutes were submitted and approved as follows:
 - a. Minutes for July 7, 2022 were moved by Maggie Mudd, seconded by Catherine Lewis and unanimously approved by committee attendees.
 - b. Minutes for September 1, 2022 were moved by Maggie Mudd, seconded by Patra Kanchanagom and unanimously approved by committee attendees.
 - c. Minutes for October 6, 2022 were moved by Catherine Lewis, seconded by Maggie Mudd and unanimously approved by committee attendees.
- 3) Harold Bailey provided a review of TEAM Westport's history with Westport Schools including its engagement by the Board of Education as a DEI consultant since the early 2000's. No action was taken.
- 4) Lee Goldstein provided the update for Westport Schools. No action was taken.
- 5) Jen Tooker made a statement re: mutual respect and civility. No action was taken
- 6) Chief Koskinas reviewed Police initiatives, recruiting and promotions No action was taken.
- 7) Danielle Dobin reviewed a P&Z Affordable Housing update. No action was taken.
- 8) Catherine Lewis and Zoe Tarrant reviewed Parents Group plans. No action was taken.
- 9) Patra Kanchanagom and Olga Roberts detailed plans for the upcoming Nov 16 TEAM Westport Book Club discussion of "Biased" as the read. No action was taken.
- 10) Alex Giannini reviewed upcoming Westport Library events. No action was taken.
- 11) Patra provided an AAPI update. No action was taken.
- 12) Jenny Nelson reviewed recent and forthcoming initiatives at the Westport Country Playhouse including the "Mississippi Delta" student matinee incorporating Westport and 4 other school systems.. Kendall Driffin reviewed the recent Black Excellence event at the Playhouse in partnership with Westport Museum. Erika Wesley reviewed her plans as the new EDI Director at the Playhouse. No action was taken.
- 13) Rev. Alison Patton provided an update on Interfaith Clergy initiatives. Issue of rising anti-semitism nationally was raised. Harold Bailey committed providing vehicle at TEAM meetings for updates from the Jewish Community.
- 14) Brian McGunagle provided an update on Westport Pride. No action was taken.



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- 15) Elaine Daignault reviewed recent Human Services initiatives. No action was taken.
- 16) No Public Commentary was made.
- 17) Adjournment: Andy Frankel motioned, Maggie Mudd seconded and Committee Members voted unanimously to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 9:19 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Bernicestine McLeod (Secretary, TEAM Westport)