

Bethel Equity and Inclusion Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 9/24/24

Committee Members Present: Rita Champion, Alvi Reed, Jess, Christy Fry, Jesse Plotsky

Community Members Present:

Public Comment: Alvi acknowledgement of when talking about people or places to name the place and context for people who are mentioned. Noted as not being in practice in Selectboard meetings.

Discussion:

Candidates forum update from Jess. not a lot of turnout from a younger generation. Jesse tabled for the EIC at the forum, and expressed the need for these conversations in equity and around policing with a few confrontational but fruitful conversations. Noted for next time needing a statement of purpose. EIC needing laminated notes on mission and purpose. Having more clear statements and answers to audience questions were desired. Specifically about policies around LGBTQIA rights and what they plan to do to support womens and LGBT rights.

Reflections on the most recent EIC Book Club, we read, "Prisons Make us Safer". Overall reflections are around wanting more discussion about the book. Stories that the guest speaker Ashley shared enriched the conversations and context for subject matter. talking helped to de stigmatize a lot of the conversations. Next book club is February taking recommendations on what the next book may be. Black history Month. We ran out of books at town hall and library, more people read it than attended meeting?.

community conversations in neighborhoods, week of 10/21. with follow up meeting to discuss what we have learned in those conversations. support from the selectboard committee. They are occurring on staggered dates so you can go to the one that you are able to make it to and doesnt necessarily have to be in your specific hamlet.. The only non handicap accessible location is the parish house. This is a town event that two town committees are organizing. There will be no EIC meeting in October because of the community conversations being held at the same time. Our next meeting will be in november.

To be continued on the november agenda, Review of the EIC values document.

last meetings minutes were approved

Updates:

Open Meeting Laws:

<https://www.vlct.org/sites/default/files/documents/Resource/VLCT%20Open%20Meeting%20Law%20FAQs.pdf>

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Motions, Proposals, and Resolutions Made:

Owen will chair next EIC meeting.

Voting Record:

(Note: need to indicate individual votes if a roll call is taken)

Next Meeting: 8/27/24 @ 6:00pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/5820627640?pwd=TVNiSURhVm5ScTgweWl6OHdRbzZ4QT09>

Meeting ID: 582 062 7640

Passcode: equity

Dial In: 1-646-558-8656

Notes Taken By: Rita Champion

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