

## Commission on Racial Justice and Equity

Thursday, January 21st, 7pm

Held Via Zoom

Meeting began at 7pm. In attendance were Xabian Alarcon, Alina Bricklin, Deb Carroll, Tracy-Ann Johnson, Barret Katuna, Sue Oppenheimer, Lillian Tanski, Jen Wang, Diane Hoover

Absent: Dave Peniston

Public comment: Anne Bowman, 16 Morgan Drive commented on how pleased she was about the existence of the commission and the work it has ahead of it

Presentation from Diane Daly Hoover, Glastonbury Historical Society

Presentation (Power Point) focused on the history of Glastonbury, beginning in pre-colonial era to present day.

Update on research firms: Deb Carroll offered more detail on firms to be interviewed by Commission next week. The two firms are Great Blue Research of Glastonbury and the Center for Research and Public Policy of Chester, VT. Following interviews, commission members will discuss which firm best fits the needs of the commission's charge.

Review of working groups: membership of each working group was clarified, as specified in agenda.

Lillian Tanski presented a brief overview of meeting protocols and FOIA information.

Deb Carroll reported that she was still waiting to hear back from town IT staff on Zoom training sessions for commission members to allow for working groups to meet publicly. Deb also acknowledged that this is a very busy time for IT, as the town is heading into budget season, which requires numerous meetings, now all online.

A member of the public asked, via chat, how the commission was formed and how membership was chosen. Question was responded to by Deb Carroll and Lillian Tanski, who discussed the Council resolution of July 2020 as well as their approach to recruiting members for the commission. They also discussed the importance of community involvement in the process as research and public discussion began to launch.

Motion to approve minutes of 1/7/21 meeting, with working group membership amended. Unanimously accepted.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:20pm.