

TINMOUTH EQUITY AND INCLUSION COMMITTEE

January 18, 2022

Minutes

Meeting was held at the Tinmouth Town Office and virtually through zoom.

Present in-person: Meadow Squier, Todd Dennis, Michael Fallar, Lothar Schmelzenbach

Present via Zoom: Sherry Johnson, Kim Harbough, Rainbow Squier, Melody Squier, Emma

Weatherhogg, Logan Birdsall

Guests in-person: Gail Fallar

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by convener Meadow Squier

Review the Agenda - See Attached 1

Working Group Reports

Events Working Group Report

Meadow reported on the January 11th Events Working Group meeting:

1. The working group discussed their role will be to support community members who want to put on events, such as helping with plan development, publicity, and connecting them with others who can help and/or attend. Working group will also take on Tinmouth Day.

2. Tinmouth Day date was set for July 9th, with a rain date on July 10th. The group is energetic and full of ideas for the day and how to encourage more community engagement for the event, which will be ironed out and reported as meetings continue.

3. Other potential events suggested by community members include: Easter egg hunts, Fall Festival, Halloween party, Sunday night softball.

4. The working group will write two grants to the Community Fund. One, written by Sherry, will be to provide food, paper products, etc for any town events. The other, written by Logan, will be specifically requesting funds for Tinmouth Day.

Todd suggested reaching out to the sheriff's department to help with traffic control for Tinmouth Day, since events will have children crossing the street throughout the event.

Mutual Aid Working Group

Todd reported on the December 16th Mutual Aid Working Group meeting:

1. Discussed reaching out to people in town who have experience and ideas the working group can help actualize.

2. One project the group hopes to help with is revising and producing an updated town operators manual the phone directory.

3. The group has reached out to Michael Fannin, Emergency Management Director, and offered support if he needs extra hands for projects.

Meadow suggested the group work on a list of of community members willing to provide emergency resources, such as generators, sump pumps, skill sets, volunteers. Not to replace the similar services the fire department already provides, but as an additional resource.

Meadow pointed out we should be posting announcements of working group meetings with zoom links on Front Porch Forum and at the Town Office so that anyone in the community who is interested can participate.

Research and Development Working Group

This group has not met yet. Since the actions of this working group have yet to be defined fully, Meadow asked the committee to discuss what we want the group to focus on.

1. Look into current information regarding affordable/worker/community housing.
2. Create a survey that would help the committee identify needs within our community.
3. Understand zoning, particularly around alternative housing.

Other Business

1. Set dates for next working group meetings.
 - Events Working Group:** February 8th, 7 pm via zoom
 - Mutual Aid Working Group:** February 1st, 7 pm via zoom
 - Research and Development Working Group:** February 1st, 7 pm via zoom
2. Concerning grant money being requested by the Events Working Group, the committee is in uncharted territory on how to handle those funds. Meadow will bring the question to the Select Board, and Gail will ask Wallingford how they handle funds within their Rural Development Committee.
3. Emma will share information about free at-home covid tests on Front Porch Forum.


Next Committee Meeting

Next committee meeting date was set for March 15, 2022.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:38pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Logan Birdsall, Secretary

Attached 1:

Tinmouth Equity and Inclusion Committee
Tuesday, January 18, 2021
7:00 PM
Town Office
Draft Agenda

This meeting will be in person at the Town Office, virtual attendance is encouraged due to high Covid case numbers in our area. Masks are required to be worn over the mouth and nose, per CDC recommendation and town mask policy.

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Welcome

Call to order

Review Agenda

Working Group Reports

- Events Working Group
- Mutual Aid
- Research and Development

Other Business

next meeting date