
Dennis Diversity Equity and Inclusion Committee

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Attendees

Emily Entwisle
Kate Martin
Tamora Israel
Rachel Crosby
Kristina Caterino (over zoom)

Absent

Larry Lohanson

Agenda

Last Meeting Follow-up

1. Approval of the Dennis Diversity Equity and Inclusion last meeting minutes.
1. Co-chair Larry Johnson was not present at the meeting but has conveyed to Co-Chair Emily Entwisle that he will continue to look into the process of receiving a budget from the town for the DDEI committee.

New Business

2. DDEI meeting minutes were approved by the committee. Tamora Israel motioned the approval of the minutes and Kate Martin seconded.
 3. The DDEI committee email address is in need of a name change. The email is being received with Kate Martin's name instead of Dennis Diversity Equity and Inclusion's name. Kate Martin will change the email name by the next meeting.
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Notes

- **A social media presence would be good for the DDEI committee.** Kristina Caterino has created a DDEI Facebook group. The page's name is [Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee - Town of Dennis, Massachusetts](#).
- **A DDEI open forum discussion** is still a needed conversation. Co-Chair Emily Entwisle will reach out to Dennis Town Hall about renting Carlton Hall for the open forum meetings.
- **Kristina Caterino will reach out to** Family Table Collaborative's Jeni Wheeler about meeting at their space and possibly having FTC provide food for future open forum meetings.
- **When an open Forum meeting is established,** the agenda will include the committee introducing itself to the community along with the plans and goals for the DDEI committee.
- **The DDEI committee discussed** having two open forum meetings per month. This might be too ambitious for the committee at this moment in time. More time is needed to prepare. April would give the committee members more time to prepare for two meetings per month. April 3, 2023, could be DDEI's first listening session, with April 17 as our back up date.
- **Co-Chair Emily Entwisle** will contact the Dennis police and fire chiefs for liaison information since no contact has been forthcoming.
- **The goal for the next DDEI meeting** is for committee members to bring a question, open topic, or demographical information about the Dennis community.

Action Items

1. DDEI committee to work on an outline of open forum meetings.
2. Tamora Israel will reach out to J Marie to inquire about listening sessions and information on the open forum process. Why don't people go to town meetings? Is she aware of any open meeting forums on Cape Cod that DDEI could reach out to? What to avoid when creating an open meeting forum?

Next Meeting Agenda Items

The next meeting is Monday, Feb. 6, at Dennis Town Hall.