



BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 12, 2020

12:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

Present: Jon Benson, Dean Charter, David Martin, Joan Gardner, Jim Snyder-Grant, Town Manager John S. Mangiaratti

Absent: None

Mr. Benson called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM via a virtual meeting with no Board members in physical attendance and broadcasted via Zoom.us virtual meeting platform.

I. New/Special Business

1. Discuss and Vote on the Board's Statement Addressing Racism in Acton

Leo Fochtman, Wright Terrace – commented on the concept of white privilege.

Terra Friedrichs and Reverend Mike Rothbaum thanked the Board and spoke in support of the statement.

Janet Adachi, commented on her experience with racism. Urged Board to not adopt the statement since it looks more like a policy than a statement and give more time to work on.

Charlie Kadlec, believed many people were unaware of the draft statement, and was concerned about the decision regarding the school mascot

Corey Salo commended the DEIC and their work, disagreed with the white privilege comment in statement, commented that the creation of race as a social construct was due to slavery.

Mr. Martin thanked the Board for all the work that has been done and have made great progress. Many email comments from the public have come in with suggestions. Members discussed several portions of the document with suggestions on language. **Ms. Gardner moved the Acton Board of Selectmen adopt the Acton Policy Against Racism dated November 12, 2020, seconded by Mr. Charter. Mr. Martin called roll:**

Mr. Snyder-Grant – aye

Ms. Gardner – aye

Mr. Benson – aye

Mr. Charter – aye

Mr. Martin – aye

The Board voted 5-0, the motion carried.

Ms. Gardner moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Martin. Mr. Martin called roll:

Mr. Snyder-Grant – aye

Ms. Gardner – aye

Mr. Benson – aye

Mr. Charter – aye



Mr. Martin – aye

The Board voted 5-0, the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:47 PM.

Documents and Exhibits Used During this Meeting

- Agenda, November 12, 2020
- Final Policy Against Racism Dated November 8, 2020