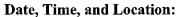
#### Town of Fairhaven

Town Hall - 40 Center Street - Fairhaven, MA 02719

## **Belonging Committee**



February 9, 2023 @ 6:30 P.M., Town Hall

Remote via ZOOM: 1-929-205-6099; Meeting ID: 892 1866 8394;

Passcode: 686316

Live recording available at: https://livestream.com/fairhavenlive/events/9874004

## **Meeting Overview:**

- 1. Call to order
- 2. Quorum/Attendance
- 3. Approve prior minutes December 13, 2022 and January 25, 2022
- 4. Guest Presentation Justina Perry, Buy Black New Bedford
- 5. Reorganization
- 6. Black History Month Planning Jibreel Khazan Discussion & Planning RGUD 2023 MAR 14 AMS 124
- 7. Cultural Council Grant Announcement & Planning
- 8. April Food Drive collaboration with Fairhaven Rotary, Discussion & Planning

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- 9. Reporting of Human Rights Violation to the Belonging Committee website
- 10. Fairhaven TV/Belonging Committee Show Discussion & Planning
- 11. Women's History Month Discussion & Planning
- 12. Student Draft Logo

#### **Old Business**

- 11. Friends of the Library Invitation
- 12. Next meeting date March 8, 2023
- 13. Adjourn

-Key-**BOLD** = Issue being discussed = Notes, indentation for more notes

#### In attendance:

Members: Jessica Fidalgo, Chair; Alliea E. Groupp, Clerk; Rachel Medeiros; Greg

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Ex Officio: Leon E. Correy III, Select Board Rep; Cameron Durant, Staff Liaison;

Jerome Penha, Police Department Rep.

#### Absent:

Members: Laura Barilaro

Ex Officio: Jull Sullivan, School Dept. Rep.; Vacant Position: Fire Department

Representative.

Guests: Justine Perry, Buy Black New Bedford.

Call to Order: The Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Jessica Fidalgo, Chair who presented the Media Notification.



#### **PAST MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Rachel Medeiros and seconded by Jessica Fidalgo to approve the minutes for the meeting held on December 13, 2022; A roll call vote was held and the motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Jessica Fidalgo and seconded by Rachel Medeiros to approve the minutes from the meeting held on January 25, 2023 with the approved amendments; A roll call vote was held, the motion carried unanimously.

#### TONIGHT'S AGENDA

## Chairperson Welcome and Attendance Roll Call

• As quorum was confirmed, the meeting proceeded.

Guest Presentation: Justine Perry, Buy Black New Bedford.

For those seeking to support local black-owned businesses or to help support the work of this organization, please visit the website: <a href="https://www.buyblacknb.com/">https://www.buyblacknb.com/</a> or visit them on social media at:

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/BuyBlackNB

Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/buyblacknb/?igshid=YmMyMTA2M2Y%3D

YouTube: @buyblacknb2883

An exciting opportunity to support the organization is by supporting or attending the upcoming Black Excellence Gala to be held on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> 6-10 pm. For more information, please visit: <a href="https://www.buyblacknb.com/the-black-excellence-gala">https://www.buyblacknb.com/the-black-excellence-gala</a>

### Reorganization:

Open Positions:

Vice Chair: The discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

### **Updates:**

## **Black History Month:**

February is Black History Month, an annual celebration of the history and achievements of African-Americans in the United States. The committee is working to schedule a discussion with Jibreel Khazan, a civil rights activist widely known as a member of the Greensboro Four, a group of African-American students who protested segregation by defying law and sitting down at a White's only section of a Woolworth in Greensboro, NC on February 1, 1960. This protest was a major turning point in the Civil Rights Movement, and the fight to end legal segregation. The Belonging Committee will be presenting a proclamation, signed by the Fairhaven Select Board, in honor of his work.

The committee confirmed that the event has been scheduled for February 23<sup>rd</sup> from 5-7:00 pm at the Fairhaven Senior Center located at 229 Huttleston Ave.

## Cultural Council Grant Announcement & Planning

The Fairhaven Cultural Council offers grants to Fairhaven based organizations to promote history and culture. For more information, please visit: <a href="https://massculturalcouncil.org/local-council/fairhaven/">https://massculturalcouncil.org/local-council/fairhaven/</a> The Belonging Committee has submitted a grant request, more information will be provided at the next meeting.

## **April Food Day**

Food scarcity is impacting Fairhaven and as a committee, we will be hosting a Food Drive in cooperation with the Fairhaven Rotary Club on Saturday, April 1st from 9 am-1 pm a the Fairhaven Town Hall located at 40 Center St. to support the M.O. Life, Inc. Food Pantry (<a href="https://www.molifeinc.com/our-services/">https://www.molifeinc.com/our-services/</a>) and Shepherd's Food Pantry (<a href="https://www.molifeinc.com/our-services/">https://www.molifeinc.com/our-services/</a>). For more information, please visit: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/fairhavenrotary/posts/2571513796420324/">https://www.facebook.com/fairhavenrotary/posts/2571513796420324/</a>

## Reporting of Human Rights Violation to Belonging Committee website

Residents are encouraged to report potential violations to the Fairhaven Police Department, either in person or via the online form: <a href="https://fairhavenpolice.org/submit-a-tip/">https://fairhavenpolice.org/submit-a-tip/</a>. The committee will continue to seek ways to provide educational and cultural events to address and monitor violations reported in Fairhaven.

## Fairhaven TV/Belonging Committee

A proposal was made to create an opportunity to showcase individual experiences with identity-based prejudices in collaboration with Fairhaven TV.

A motion was made by Rachel Medeiros to approve moving forward with planning this event and was seconded by Alliea Groupp; A roll call vote was held, the motion carried unanimously.

### Women's History Month

### Friends of the Library - Invite

The Millicent Library will host a series in honor of Women's History Month. For more information, visit: <a href="http://millicentlibrary.org/">http://millicentlibrary.org/</a>

A motion was made by Rachel Medeiros and seconded by Alliea Groupp to authorize the Chair, Jessica Fidalgo, to investigate the possibility of hosting a Women's Social Hour in collaboration with the Millicent Library as part of their Women's History Month event series; A roll call vote was held, the motion carried unanimously.

**Student Draft Logo:** As Jill Sullivan was not able to be present at this meeting, the discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

# **Any Other Business**

No other reported issues

Next Meeting: March 8, 2023 at 6:30 pm

Adjournment:

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Alliea Groupp and seconded by Jessica Fidalgo; A roll call vote was taken; motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 PM

Alliea E. Groupp
Signed by: