

Belonging Committee

Date, Time, and Location:

February 7, 2024 @ 6:30 PM,

Remote only via ZOOM: 1-929-205-6099; Meeting ID: 892 1866 8394; Passcode: 686316

Live recording available at:

<https://livestream.com/fairhavenlive/events/9874004/videos/239885638>

Meeting Overview:

1. **Call to order:** The meeting was called to order by Jessica Fidalgo, Chair, at 6:38 PM.

2. **Quorum/Attendance:**

In attendance:

Members: Laura Barillaro; Jessica Fidalgo, Chair; Alliea E. Group, Clerk; Greg Weider. Ex Officio: Det. Jerome Penha, Jr., Police Department Rep.

Absent:

Members: Richard Cancio, Rachel Medeiros, and Eryn Spencer Tomascik.

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

Vacant Positions: Fire Department Representative; School Department Representative.

3. **Approve prior minutes:**

a. A motion was made by Greig Weider to approve the November 2023 minutes. The motion was seconded by Laura Barillaro. A roll-call vote was held; The motion passed unanimously.

b. A motion was made by Greg Weider to approve the January 2024, as corrected. The motion was seconded by Laura Barillaro. A roll-call vote was held; The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

4. **Black History Month** – In partnership with the Millicent Library we are co-hosting two movies:

a. Wednesday, February 21st at 6PM: Hidden Figures (2016, PG) All Ages Welcome

b. Friday, February 23rd at 2 PM: Spider-Man: Into the Spider Verse – as part of the school vacation-week program for children and families. All Ages Welcome.

5. **Disability Pride Event (July) Planning** – Possible Partnership with Commission on Disability. Proposed Date is: Sunday, July 28 11-3 PM; New Name: Diversability Celebration; Location: Fairhaven Senior Center. A motion was made to co-host the event by Alliea Group, seconded by Laura Barillaro. A roll-call vote was held; The motion passed unanimously.

6. **Pride Month (June) Events:** The committee began a conversation about planning a LGBTQ+ Pride event. The committee decided to table further conversation until our next meeting.

7. **Grant with Recreation Center:** After a discussion with Kelley Ramirez, Recreation Director, Fairhaven Recreation Department, a motion was made to support by providing a letter of support, a grant application to be submitted by the Recreation Center to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Office of Outdoor Recreation to purchase accessibility mats for field-based community events by Alliea Group. The motion was seconded by Greg Weider. A roll-call vote was held; The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

8. Not in Our Town Implementation. [Not In Our Town \(NIOT\) https://www.niot.org](https://www.niot.org) works to stop hate, address bullying, and build safe, inclusive communities for all. NIOT helps local leaders build vibrant, diverse cities and towns, where everyone is encouraged to participate. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Alliea Group to sponsor a NIOT event during the month of April. The motion was seconded by Laura Barillaro. A roll-call vote was held; The motion passed unanimously.

Items Not Previous Anticipated/Board Member Comments

9. Food Drive April 6, 2024 at Fairhaven Senior Center: Jessica Fidalgo reviewed our previous support of a food drive in honor of National Nutrition Week. At our next meeting we will further discuss our our engagement with the event this year.

10. We are expecting an opening on the committee, as current member Eryn Spencer Tomascik has submitted her resignation. If anyone is aware of someone who may want to serve, please direct them to the application available on-line.

11. Public Comments: No public comments were received.

12. Next meeting date: March 13, 2023

13. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 PM.

Signed by: