

Barre City Diversity and Equity Committee 8/15/2022 approved minutes

Meeting start: 7:30 PM

1. Members present: Ellen Kaye, Emily Wheeler, Greg Quetel, Joelen Mulvaney, William Toborg, Joelen read the opening statement and welcomed new members Emily and Greg. There was no recording secretary chosen yet and in anticipation of two new members there is a possibility the time of monthly meetings will be set after members complete a meeting time survey.
2. No adjustments to agenda
3. Old business:
 - a. Committee Report – Two new sections were added to the committee report, a name change and section on new membership for members to review and make comment by August 24, 2022. Chris and Joelen will finalize the document and committee will make a plan for presentation to the council. The proposed name change would be the “Barre City Justice, Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and belonging”.
 - b. Application to join the committee – Application form discussion put on the next agenda
4. New Business:
 - a. VLCT Grant – Councilperson Samn Stockwell, Professional Equity Consultant Kristi Clemens, and grant writers Chris and Joelen will prepare the application for presentation to the council. The grant will fund an education series focused on the city’s leadership tier including managers, council members and members of the city’s various committees.
 - b. Invitation from IDEAL Vermont – Barre City authorities have been invited to participate in a program recently put together by the Vermont State Racial Equity Advisory Panel.
5. June minutes draft being written from recording once it is retrieved from the city’s archive system.
6. Next meeting date: to be announced once the meeting time survey from members has been completed.
7. Round Table: William brought up an incident he experienced an assault while protesting abortion rights, Ellen questioned why a committee member is actively promoting removing women’s rights, Emily expressed her concern about the meeting not being a safe place for women and also questioned why a person with that agenda is on the committee, Greg expressed his feeling that everyone is welcome, Joelen reminded the committee that they are a political body, not a religious one and that the focus of the group needs to stay on the task of equity.
8. Adjourned 8:30PM