

## CDICR - Community Engagement Subcommittee

April 16, 2021

Present: Malcolm Doldron, Joan Lancourt, Jonathan Golden, Kea van der Ziel, Shana Penna, Caitlin Starr (ODICR)

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1. April 9, 2021 minutes approved with a minor edit
2. **Discussion of Bill of Rights and Responsibilities**
  - a. Continued discussion of Responsibilities
  - b. Malcolm proposed:
    - i. Vote in Town and Community elections and on other issues
    - ii. Learn your role in participatory democracy
    - iii. Engage if you see a problem in your community; speak up
      1. Discussion of order: Engage first or Learn - Engage - Vote!
  - c. Discussion of respect and the responsibility being more so on the elected and appointed officials.
  - d. The final list will be used by the subcommittee to start a conversation/get feedback from the community; both orgs, groups and residents.
  - e. The collab with BIG on the media/visual representation on this will also be a part of the "presentation"
  - f. Action: Add these 3 responsibilities to the "Bill", send to BIG and re-engage the communities to present and listen.
3. **Collab on Short Community/Civic Engagement Videos**
  - a. Malcolm shared a BIG/Hidden Brookline 1 minutes video of Florida Ruffin Ridley and the committee reflected on the length, impact, and graphics.
  - b. Malcolm will be reaching out to the League of Women Voters, TMM, and BIG to possibly collaborate to create short videos to educate on different aspects and roles of Town government.
  - c. Possibly to 3 to start
  - d. Possible Topics:
    - i. How to Run for Office
    - ii. Overview of Town Government
      1. Town structure/org chart
    - iii. What is Town Meeting
    - iv. What does the SB do?
    - v. What does the ODICR/CDICR do?
  - e. Add a "for more information, go to x or contact y"
  - f. Measure success in views
  - g. Jessica Chicco is also interested in moving this forward and Caitlin is also interested in being a part of this project.

- h. Action: Malcolm will reach out to start these conversations and committee members will invite LWV (Shana) and TMMA (Malcolm) to attend the next meeting.

#### **4. Engaging the Community**

- a. At the next meeting the Committee will do an inventory of Community Organizations on the Community Org chart and select groups to engage.
- b. Precinct Meetings
  - i. The time to do this is when there is less going on (not during election/Town Meeting).
  - ii. How does the committee cultivate meetings in other precincts?
    - 1. How to increase the desire and willingness for TMMs to host these meetings?
      - a. Mapping of where there have been precinct meetings and look at what issues in Town effect specific precincts. Over the summer contact some TMMs in these precincts to have a conversation with them about how the CE Committee could help organize.
      - b. Create a template for precincts? Could be very helpful. How to set up an online meeting, etc.

#### **5. Other**

- a. Discussion of how the website that has how TMMs vote needs to be made more contextual and accessible. \*Bring this up with IT\*
- b. Titles on Article #s - does this require a by-law change? Who does this? Can it be done?

#### **6. Next Meeting: Friday April 30th at 8:30 AM**