

Minutes

Town of Hartford Committee on Racial Equity and Inclusion (HCOREI)
Hartford Town Hall, Room 1 and Zoom
Wednesday, March 19, 2025 7:00 pm

Attendees:

Committee members: Pat Autilio, Mary Erdei, Jasmine Hawkins, Susan Mullens, (Absent: Sara Campbell, Nancy Russell, Staff Liaison Tatum Barnes)

Community members: Joe Major, Kim Souza

Call to order - 7:06pm

Approved Meeting Minutes from February 5 - Motion: Mary, 2nd Pat

Acknowledge and Welcome Community Members

Juneteenth

Joe Major will update the committee on planning and logistics for past Juneteenth celebrations. He proposed meeting on Saturday, March 29. Pat and Jasmine plan to attend the meeting. Susan will contact Tia Winter of Lebanon's DEI committee, as they would like to collaborate.

Kim suggested two vendors who might like to participate – Fulla Flava and Camden's Lemonade. She will share contact information.

Pending Committee Membership Changes

Jasmine Hawkins has met with and been approved by both the Selectboard and the School Board. She was welcomed as a member of the committee.

Disability-Friendly Certification

Pat reviewed the redrafted Resolution. He will speak with the Town Manager about the Resolution going before the Select Board. He will also be in touch with Kendra LaRoche, Director of the Special Needs Support Center. Susan will contact the Town of Hanover to learn of their experience of the process of becoming a certified Disability-Friendly Town.

Engaging with other Hartford and Upper Valley organizations

Pat and Susan attended a meeting of the Lebanon DEI Commission to talk about Juneteenth. That committee is interested in connecting with HCOREI.

Pat recently met Emily Zanleoni of Hartford Community Coalition. Pat will ask her to a future meeting.

Gender Inclusivity Policy Updates

Jasmine reported on her research on relevant policies. She will write up some of her findings for the HCoreI google drive. Kim, Susan, and Mary were not able to gain any helpful information from VLTC or Emerge.

Town/Select Board Updates

Pat shared a draft of a Quick-Start Guide for New Hartford Committee Members which he had recently drawn up. He will continue to develop the guide and will share with John H when ready.

Adjourn - 8:30pm Mary moved to adjourn; 2nd Pat .

HCoreI Members

- Pat Autilio, Chair (through 4/1/2026)
- Susan Mullens, Vice Chair (through 8/22/2025)
- (shared) - Clerk
- Sara Campbell, Community Member (through 3/11/2026)
- Jasmine Hawkins, Community Member
- Nancy Russell, School Board Member
- Mary Erdei, Selectboard Member
- *Vacant*, Student Liaison Member
- Tatum Barnes, Town Staff Liaison