



Town of Marlborough
Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 24, 2023 7:00 P.M.
MARLBOROUGH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA

1. Roll Call

Mark Stankiewicz called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Present were Mark Stankiewicz, Jason Cooper, Beth Lander Morris-Alt, Subby Magro-Alt, Sarah Picciolo-Alt, and Peter Hughes-Director of Planning & Development.

2. Public Forum

- a. Public Forum Sustainable CT
- b. Racial and Social Equity

Peter Hughes presented the Sustainable CT program slides to the public. He reviewed the background of this program and the equity training available. He asked those interested to contact him directly. This public forum is an overview on two of the subjects. The goal is to have a diversity professional come into the town and work with the public. Mr. Hughes assured the public in attendance this was a grassroots program he is hoping will be embraced by Marlborough citizens to assure there is no community member ignored.

Mr. Hughes reviewed the proposed equity statement and handed out copies.

Anna Holden 41 Emily Road – Ms. Holden asked if the equity statement is set in stone. Mr. Hughes said it is not, it is a starting point. She further asked if there a way for citizens to be involved. Yes, contact Mr. Hughes.

Andrea Caldwell 43 Fox Meadow Road - She thought the presentation was very interesting and thanked the commission for taking on this task.

Dawn Tavolieri 21 Avalon Way – Ms. Tavolieri runs the food bank with Dave Pratt. She offered to assist with making Marlborough an inclusive community.

Paul no address provided - Thought the meeting was about land use, astounded by the brainwashing he just sat through. He feels it is reverse discrimination. Paul feels this is trying to silence people. We should focus on land use instead.

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Barbara Armfield 46 Denler Drive – had to fight to get into Marlborough. She had to trick the realtor to show her the house she lives in.

Paul welcomed Ms. Armfield to Marlborough.

Ms. Armfield - had the money to purchase a house and land. Her family was redlined. She feels it is better now although it was not so 50 years.

Joan O'Connell 4 Hall Trail – Her daughter-in-law part of AHM, she appreciates the work being done. AHM has been contacted multiple times due to bullying and ethnic situations.

Anna Holden – She addressed Paul directly asking him to review the history of our country. Over time people of diversity have not had the same opportunities. She feels we need to acknowledge the disparity and move forward in a more equitable manner.

Paul – he agrees with Ms. Holden but things are better now so why are we opening up old wounds. He feels this is brainwashing and systemic racism. We should not have to do this to get grants.

Donna Koropatkin 42 Stage Harbor Road. – Ms. Koropatkin is distressed that what she thought had been handled in 1972 is still happening today. Children are taught to accept differences. We owe it to ourselves to get this right. She would rather be 'woke' than 'asleep' (rather be educated and informed).

Alane Villar 225 Flood Road- She is very happy the town is moving forward in this manner. She feels this will be a better community.

Karthik Deiveegarajan 2 High Meadow Road – He migrated here 17 years ago. His children were born here and have at times been looked at differently though they are American citizens. He relayed a situation his daughter experienced. Mr. Deiveegarajan is glad we are acknowledging this is happening. He congratulates the people of Marlborough.

Mr. Hughes reiterated this is to get more people involved in town.

Sarah Picciolo - 8 Victoria Lane - Ms. Picciolo is new to the board and views this as a wonderful opportunity to be educated. In learning, she is confronting her own thoughts and bias.

If interested in participating, please contact Mr. Hughes

Betty O'Brien 176 North Main Street – Ms. O'Brien's father wanted to raise the family in segregated south. She relayed some situations she witnessed in her youth. She is optimistic things will continue to improve. She thinks sometimes we are not aware we have prejudices.

Mr. Hughes reiterated this program is to try to get more people to participate in town commissions from the various, this includes all groups as defined by the Sustainable CT program. He will post the presentation on the town website.

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3. Minutes – January 10, 2023

4. Adjournment

Subby Magro motioned to adjourn. Beth Lander Morris seconded. All in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Monterville
Board Clerk