

# STOUGHTON EQUAL OPPORTUNITY COMMITTEE

## Minutes

June 14, 2023

12:00 p.m. via Google Meeting

In accordance with Governor Baker's declaration of June 16th, 2021 extending Covid-19 measures adopted during the State of Emergency and recently extended until March 31, 2025, this meeting was conducted as virtual via Google Meets for those who wished to participate remotely.

Present: Debra Roberts, Chair, Bettye Sabree, Vice Chair, Steve Cavey, Chris Shannon, Maggie Giusti and Tamisha Civil.

Absent: Faye Howard.

### **Call Meeting to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

Chair Roberts called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m. and welcomed a motion to open the meeting. Maggie Giusti made the motion. Seconded by Bettye Sabree. 6 yes and 0 no. Motion passed. Debra Roberts took roll call and invited all who were able to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Welcome to reappointed members.**

Chair Roberts congratulated members Maggie Giusti and Bettye Sabree for their reappointment on the Stoughton Equal Opportunity Committee. Both expressed their contentment in continuing to be part of the Committee.

### **Approval of Meeting Minutes April 12 2023 and May 10, 2023**

Chair Roberts asked if everyone had an opportunity to review the meeting minutes of April 12 2023 and May 10, 2023. All agreed. Bettye Sabree pointed out an amendment to be made on both sets of minutes as to the date. Motion made by Chris Shannon and second by Bettye Sabree to approve the minutes with the correction. 6-yes; 0-no. Motion passed.

### **Review DEI Training Material and Assign New Date for DEI Draft Trail Run Training**

Due to the absence of member Faye Howard and Atty. Jack Dolan, Chair Roberts announced that these items will be tabled to a future meeting.

### **Update on Juneteenth Event and Standing Agenda Item: Stoughton is a Welcoming Community Next Steps**

Chair Roberts reminded the members that the Juneteenth Event is a 2-day event. Day 1 is on Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup> a jam fest. Members Chris Shannon and Steve Cavey and his crew, The Munici-Pals, will be performing. The headline entertainer is Angelena & The Unit, very well known in the Boston area. The food trucks have been confirmed, the vendor tables have been set up and organized, all volunteers and performers will have wristbands to be easily identified. Yard signs have been put up throughout the Town of Stoughton, the electronic signs on Central Street and Town Center are sending out the message and the flier was posted on social media. A large tent has been installed in the event it rains. Day 2 on Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup> is more traditional, focused on economic/development and will be held at the Hampton Inn Suites Hotel in Stoughton. It will

start with opening remarks, prayer, black national anthem, a keynote speaker, Bishop Tony Branch and some breakout sessions with Harbor One Bank, Eastern Bank, New York Live representative and a Historian that is a Professor at Bridgewater State University to speak of the history of Juneteenth. South Shore Bank has provided a stipend to support the Historian. All other expenses will be paid from the fundraised account. Vendors will also be speaking about their products. There will be light refreshments.

**Set Date for Next Meeting**

Next meeting is scheduled for July 12, 2023.

**Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn made by Maggie Giusti, seconded by Steve Cavey. Meeting adjourned at 12:28 p.m.

Approved on:

07 / 12 / 2023

Signed by:

Debra C Roberts

Debra C. Roberts, Chair