

CCRAB Notes:

Meeting called to order

- Land acknowledgment - Victoria Simon- Abenaki of the Wabanaki nations that lived on the land in York and throughout Maine. Discussion of continually checking on state legislation.
- All approved meeting from April minutes.
- Discussion of filling the vacant social worker position with the York Police Department. Potential solutions to attract qualified social workers, such as competing salaries and partnerships with universities.
- Discussion of updating the town website to be more unified, included discussing how the York schools and police department would all be included in the development of the website. Reaching out to Tim to establish a mission and vision for the project before involving the operations team and the select board. The IT department's role in a particular task was also debated, with the decision to hire a contractor for the job to ensure efficiency. The team planned to update on the progress of these plans in the following month.
- John met with Megan Dunn and Bruce Mallory from the Kittery DEI Committee to discuss the challenges their groups were facing. They discussed the Dei Committee's awareness of the Day in a Week group's activities, the emergence of political sides within their communities, and their shared goal of de-escalating tensions. John also shared details about the committee's efforts to enhance inclusivity, their meetings with the Kittery committee, and the importance of improving communication and reporting potential incidents within the town to the State of Maine Human Rights Commission.
- Discussion of Eliot's chief of police being involved in community discussions regarding mental health and Black Lives Matter
- To improve cross-departmental communication discussion of having town department heads attend CCRAB meetings would be beneficial to tackling community issues.
- Discussion of lack of housing in York was discussed and how it impacts diversity and representation within town committees. Catherine will reach out to the director of York Housing to see if they would like to attend a meeting.
- Discussion of a dinner for seasonal workers took place and who in the town would organize the event is TBD. The parks and rec department was suggested.
- Victoria suggested introducing public art that represented different and various themes than the current public art being displayed within the community.

Next Steps:

- John will reach out to Alyssa to discuss the idea of establishing a communication platform for the town of York.
- John will follow up with Tim Doke to discuss the idea of improving communication between the school district and the town of York.
- Anne will arrange a meeting with the Select Board to discuss the idea of improving communication once the concept is developed and supported by Tim Doke.

- Catherine will reach out to Peter Joseph to finalize the recommendations for the York One website and ensure alignment with existing plans.
- Archie will confirm the date of the National Night Out event and ensure the committee is prepared to discuss it in the next meeting.
- Anne will facilitate the discussion on the proposed policy for flag displays on town-owned poles in the June 5th committee meeting.