

Wednesday, July 10, 2024, 6:30pm
Taskforce on Workforce Sustainability
Town Hall, 59 Town Hall Square

Present: Hannah Vandurscheuren, Nelia Luviano, Ben Weiss, Sandy Faiman-Silva, Maxim Jahns, Paul Speer

Meeting was called to order at 6:30

Vote to Approve Agenda

- Passed unanimously.

Public Comment

- NONE

Vote to Approve Minutes of Prior Meeting

- N/A

Introductions of New Members and Staff

- All members present introduced themselves to the group.

Vote on Chair, Vice Chair, Clerk/Recorder

- Max moved to appoint himself as Chair, Hannah as VC, Ben as recorder, until such time as 8 members of the taskforce are in attendance at a meeting. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Vote on future Meeting days/times

- Hannah moved to have our next meeting on August 7th from 5:30pm-7:00pm. Sandy seconded. Passed unanimously.

Brainstorm on Task Force Charge

- We highlighted the need to spread the word about our work and draw inspiration from other successful town committees.

Outline Task Force First Steps and Develop rough 2-year Action Timeline

- Paul volunteered to draft such a plan and have it reviewed at the next meeting.

Brainstorm on data-gathering needs

- At a high level, it was decided that we needed to A) understand what has already been done in Falmouth, as far as data collection is concerned, B) Study what other towns have done and measure relative effectiveness and C) Collect new data on both community input and local business needs. Ben motioned to table this discussion. Sandy seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Brainstorm on new member recruitment to further strengthen and diversity our membership

- Leaving the last selectboard meeting, it seemed as though the selectmen were optimistic but had some reservations on accepting the committee as is, due to concerns that we do not represent a wide enough range of diversity. Although our group does bring diversity in certain respects to the table, we only stand to gain by adding more. Max has already reached out to: the Chamber of commerce, a couple not for profits, local unions and corner cycle. Hannah has reached out to a nurse and resident on the school board. Sandy reached out to someone in childcare. It was also recommended that we reach out to the Falmouth Service Center, the Planning Board, the Human Services committee and the Affordable Housing Committee. Ben volunteered to write a draft letter for outreach inviting people to apply for membership. Max volunteered to reach out to the town manager to get a better understanding of our ability to actively recruit more members. It was also noted that we should consider how to better spread the word about our work.

Ben Motioned to Adjourn at 8:00pm which was seconded by Sandy and passed unanimously.