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**RACIAL EQUITY AND JUSTICE TASK FORCE**

**Regular Meeting**

**Thursday, January 13, 2022**

**6:00pm**

**Via Zoom**

Members Present: Co-Chair Nancy Lefkowitz; Steve Bogan, Ryan Odinak. Inni Dhingra, Jason Sherrod, Tameisha Powell-Dunmore, Karen Lynch

Members Absent: Gina Ludlow, Doug Bunnell, Sandra Tallman

Others Present: Task Force Ad Hoc Volunteers: Kathy Wiant, Jamie Forbes, Matt Danzer, Dan Iocova

**DRAFT MINUTES**

- I. Ms. Lefkowitz called the meeting to order at 6:04pm. Recording started.
- II. Approval of minutes: Mr. Sherrod made a motion to accept the minutes of Dec. 2, 2021 and Dec. 16, 2021. Mr. Bogan seconded. Motion passed.
- III. To hear, consider and act on next steps for presentation of the Racial Equity and Justice Blueprint for the Town of Fairfield

Discussion ensued regarding the CT Post article announcing the REJTF Blueprint and use of the term systemic racism in the article. Noted: Ms. Powell-Dunmore expressed a desire to withdraw her vote to approve the REJTF blueprint due to use of the term systemic racism in the CT Post article and its implied use in the blueprint.

Ms. Lefkowitz moved to have Mr. Bogan, Ms. Lynch, and Mr. Bunnell present the Blueprint to the Board of Selectmen on Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>. Ms. Dhingra seconded. Motion passed. All are requested to attend.

- IV. To hear, consider and act on next steps for the FPD/hiring interviews  
Ms. Lefkowitz announced that the FPD has invited members of the Task Force participate in their next hiring process. Anyone interested in participating should let her know.
- V. General updates: None.

VI. Adjourn: Ms Dhingra made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Bogan seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:13pm. Recording ended.