

Draft of the Minutes, EDIT Meeting of October 19, 2023, on Zoom

Present: Chair, Jonathan Tropp, Challa Flemming, Vice Chair, Rick Bolton, David Rosenberg, Tara Figueroa, Chris Powell

Also Present William Chin, Town of Trumbull Technology Director, Joanne Glasser Orenstein, Clerk, Jame Cordone, Town Attorney

Mr. Tropp called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and roll call completed.

Correspondence: Mr. Tropp reported EDIT received an email from the CT Post, which he came upon late, asking for details about Ms. Flemming's participation in the Trumbull CommUnity event. He forwarded it to Ms. Flemming, who did respond to the reporter but did not hear back.

Public Comment: None.

Mr. Bolton made a motion to accept the Minutes of September 28, 2023, Mr. Rosenberg seconded. VOTE: all in favor.

Old Business: Library:

Panel on Censorship: Mr. Tropp felt there was good turnout and good discussion, an excellent event. Ms. Flemming concurred and appreciated what all the panelists brought, especially the educators. She has heard good feedback. Mr. Powell also thought it went extremely well. The discourse was civil, and it couldn't have gone better.

Mr. Tropp noted the poster prompt is still not up and he will follow up.

The first Book Club meeting is November 6 at 6pm, discussing "The Sum of Us." Mr. Tropp said it's an engaging book, but not a speed read. Ms. Flemming said she will be attending, and encouraged everyone who could to do so: finishing the book is not necessary for attendance. Mr. Tropp reminded all to continue to get the word out, and he will follow up with the Trumbull Times.

It was agreed to table the discussion of the Trumbull Equity profile until next month, to allow for the meeting to end early enough to watch President Biden's speech.

Trumbull Historical Society:

Mr. Tropp reported the society is reaching out to Paugassetts to see if they will do a mid-November program that we might support. (He noted Thanksgiving-time may not be the most

sensitive timing.) The Paugussetts are good with an event for November 19, which would include covering cooking, crafting and dancing. Ms. Figueroa said November is Indigenous Peoples Month, so felt it is good timing, and not insensitive. All were in favor of the event. There was discussion of what exactly EDIT's role would be. Ms. Flemming thought attending the event and doing publicity for it was EDIT's job. She likes the program. Ms. Figueroa thought she might be able to get a speaker from the Fairfield History Museum, who is doing an event in November as well. She thought this expert on native culture could introduce the program. With all in favor, Mr. Tropp said he will follow up with the Historical Society.

#### 2024 Meeting Calendar

Mr. Tropp presented dates for all of 2024, which kept the schedule as the third Thursday of each month, by Zoom at 7:30 pm. Ms. Figueroa made a motion to approve the schedule, and Mr. Rosenberg seconded. There was discussion of whether to meet in person or on Zoom; most liked the idea of meeting in person once a quarter. Mr. Cordone noted the location can always be changed, if properly noticed. Mr. Bolton worried about having a quorum if the meetings were in person. Mr. Rosenberg made a motion to amend the motion to omit the location, and only list dates; Mr. Bolton seconded. VOTE: All in favor. The amended motion was voted on and unanimously approved.

New Business: None.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Bolton, seconded by Ms. Flemming. VOTE: All in favor at 7:48pm

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Glasser Orenstein  
October 22, 2023