

KITTERY TOWN COUNCIL Approved Minutes

Special Meeting Requested by Chair Spiller

July 11, 2022, 5:00PM

Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

Chair Spiller called the meeting to order at 5:00PM.

2. Introductory

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Roll Call

Councilors present: Chair Judith Spiller, Vice Chair George Dow Councilor Cyrus Clark, Councilor Mary Stevens and Councilor Colin McGuire. Councilors absent: Councilor Cameron Hamm, and Councilor Jeffrey Pelletier.

5. DISCUSSION - Discussion is limited to the matter on the agenda for this meeting only.

a. Discussion by members of the public (three minutes per person)

Celestyne Fisher Bragg, 139 Dennett Road, Kittery. Ms. Bragg also spoke out against hate crimes and made a statement asking the residents of Kittery to come together, by addressing these issues head on, and said those actions will not be accepted in our community.

Meagan Dunn, 50 B Wyman Avenue, Kittery, spoke about the white supremacist's recruitment flyers which were displayed in her neighborhood, and gave some suggestions on how to deal with these issues.

b. Response to public comment directed to a particular Councilor

c. Chairperson's response to public comments

Chair Spiller responded to Ms. Bragg and Ms. Dunn by stating the reason the Council is having this meeting is to figure out how to respond to this issue, as the Council all agrees is an unacceptable incident. Chair Spiller also said one thing that will emerge from this meeting is a statement of support for diversity and identifying that Kittery condemns these actions.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. (070122-1) The Kittery Town Council moves to discuss a response to the white supremacist's recruitment flyers found in Kittery.

Chair Spiller moved to discuss a response to the white supremacist's recruitment flyers found in Kittery, seconded by Councilor Stevens.

Chair Spiller read a letter from Councilor Hamm which condemned the white supremacist's recruitment flyers.

Councilor Stevens said she thinks the Council should address the issue, and thanked Chair Spiller for drafting the Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Declaration.

Councilor Stevens read the white supremacist's recruitment flyer.

Chair Spiller read the Diversity, Equity & Inclusion statement.

Vice Chair Dow encouraged people to come forward to the Police, the Town Manager if they hear anything about these groups and that it is important that we all understand the hate that is out there.

Councilor McGuire stated these groups need to know the Town of Kittery has no patience and tolerates for them. Councilor McGuire also stated we will be there to support those people who are targeted by these groups.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Stevens moved to adjourn at 5:30PM, seconded by Councilor McGuire.

All were in favor.

Submitted by Kim Tackett

Disclaimer: The following minutes constitute the author's understanding of the meeting. Whilst every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information, the Minutes are not intended as a verbatim transcript of comments at the meeting, but a summary of the discussion and actions that took place. For complete details, please refer to the video of the meeting on the Town of Kittery website.