

Envisioning Future Holliston Committee Meeting minutes of April 5, 2023

Call to Order:

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:01 am and read the following statement into the record: Pursuant to the June 16, 2022 Act relative to extending certain COVID-19 measures adopted during the state of emergency suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law G.L. c 30A paragraph 20, the Envisioning Future Holliston Committee will be using remote participation for this meeting. The audio of this meeting is being recorded and will be posted to the Town's webpage within 24 hours in accordance with keeping the public informed of actions during this meeting. I would ask that all participants attending this meeting please state your name and address for identification purposes each time you speak throughout the meeting.

At this time a roll call attendance will be taken:

Peter Eagan, present

Ben Sparrell, present

Stacey Raffi, present

Rich Rosenberry, present

Glen Brown, present

Annie Singh, present

Chair Barbara Peatie, present

Charlene Kirongozi of BerryDunn presented their Meeting-in-a-Box tool:

Meeting-in-a-Box is a community engagement tool designed for community groups or friends to gather and share their ideas for the future of the Town. This method of engagement allows participants to have discussions at a time and place that is convenient for them and where they feel comfortable sharing their thoughts and experiences in a safe and welcoming environment.

In addition to explaining how to plan and execute such a meeting, she provided several questions that should be used during the meeting and where to return the finished results. The idea was for the committee members to deliver several of these meetings before another joint meeting on April 26, 2023 at 12:00 noon. Also, leading these meetings do not have to be only completed by the committee. Other interested parties can be encouraged to host meetings.

Alison Tobey presented their Social Pinpoint on-line tool and showed some results of BerryDunn's interviews with a list of subjects that has been provided by the Town.

Discussion was robust about how to ensure that underserved and/or unengaged members of the community can be included. Also discussed the committee's role in encouraging and organizing groups of residents to participate in a Meeting in a Box.

Comm voted to meet on Tuesday, April 11 at noon to identify potential groups/organizations/constituencies that might do a Meeting-in-a-Box and identify which committee members will take responsibility for contacting and organizing the various groups.

On a motion by Stacey Raffi, seconded by Peter Eagan with all in favor on a roll call vote, the public meeting was adjourned.