Equity and Justice for All Advisory Committee
Minutes for Meeting
November 9, 2020

Members in Attendance:

Members Absent:  Mark Conrad, Frank Davis, Lamar Redricks
Meeting Location:  Via Zoom
Meeting Called to Order:  6:05 PM

The agenda included the following:
Approval of meeting minutes for 10/19 and 10/26.
Subcommittee reports were to be scheduled for 10 minutes per group.  This meeting proved that time frame is insufficient for commentaries.

Affordable Housing Subcommittee member Linda Champion explained the Power Point presentation which she, Lisa Ward, and Frank Davis had written.

Points from the presentation regarding Affordable Housing:
Milton voted to pass the Community Preservation Act (CPA) via Question 3 on the ballot so what happens next?
Owners outweigh renters in numbers.  The group wants to explore if implementing creative incentives would increase home ownership?
Surrounding towns show more housing integrated for affordable residences and the chart notes Milton as flat in comparison-- concluding Milton is not providing enough affordable housing opportunities.
Zoning could be an issue.  40B Projects are set up to address the lack of affordable housing as they skip many of the zoning rules.
Public transportation is seen as a challenge.
It was noted that the Town website has a lot of pertinent information.
The subcommittee will talk to the Town Planner.

**Family and Youth Subcommittee:**
What are different organizations doing?
Background work needed.
Anti-racism—Is there something missing?
School are overpopulated. $60m is estimated for a new school.
Is Massachusetts suspending MCAS testing for this year?

**Police and Fire Subcommittee:**
Members talked with Chief King but were not ready to report out.

**Government Subcommittee:**
Problem statements were identified.
The subcommittee will focus on structural issues --- not enforcement, with the hope that this will address the enforcement issues.
Information needed includes:
- Demographics for the Town, Town Committees, elected offices and Town departments
- Appointment procedures.
- Copies of Policies, if available
The subcommittee listed people that they will contact and also noted that there was a need to get residents’ opinions.

**Next Meeting:** 11/23/20, Reports from Police & Fire and Family/Youth/Schools groups.
**Meeting Adjourned:** 7:02PM

**Respectfully Submitted By:**
Mary Ellen C. Welch, Clerk