

Glover Equity Committee
MINUTES
14 March 2024

Present: Heidi Cooperstein, Barb Delzio, Lindsay Gillette, Jethro Hayman, Chair, Marion Hecht, Mariel Hess, Maria Hill, Vice Chair, Doug Safford, Carmela Young, Darlene Young, Secretary.

Meeting called to order at 3:05 p.m. at the Glover Town Hall. We began with check-ins.

Equity Banners/T-Shirts

Mugs, T-shirts, and signs with the Glover Equity logo are still available for sale. Mugs and T-shirts are \$15; signs are \$5. We also have some stickers, which are free.

Bank Account

We now have a bank account in order to make receiving online donations and payments simpler. Barb is our treasurer.

Mud Season Solar Eclipse Dance, Saturday, April 6

Posters for the dance were distributed. Lindsay will drop off a poster at Northpoint Motors and pick up the \$1,000 sponsorship check. Committee members are urged to share info about the event digitally. Maria has made arrangements for help with set up. Parson's will serve food from 5-8 p.m. Heidi will get tablecloths from the library. Clean-up will happen on Sunday morning. Barb will check on some possible acoustic music between 5-8 p.m. The expenses of the dance are being covered through the Vermont Community Foundation grant and the sponsorship. The dance is a free event but donations are welcome.

Equity Discussion and Potluck

The monthly discussion and potluck will take place on Tuesday, March 19 at Betsy's, 765 Parker Road from 6-8 p.m. We'll do some role plays on "calling in."

Patron Saint Festival

Fiestas Patronales Virgen De La Candelaria on February 21 at the Barton Library was well attended. The donations of \$150 were enough to cover the cost of the food. We paid Lisette \$300 for organizing the event and presenting. We hope to do more events with her.

Upcoming Events

"**We Are All in This Together,**" poetry event was held on March 17 at Catamount Arts in St. Johnsbury.

Free 21-Day Racial Equity Habit-Building Challenge begins on April 1. Sign up at: <https://foodsolutionsne.org/21-day-racial-equity-habit-building-challenge>

The Vermont Public program “Made Here” featured a **Migrant Justice** episode on March 14.

Intern

We have an opportunity to apply for an intern from the University of Vermont this summer as part of a program to place interns with projects in the Northeast Kingdom. We may share the intern with another organization. The committee decided to submit an application for an intern.

Sensory Trail Grant

Jethro had received notification that the Equity and Trails committees’ grant proposal for a sensory trail and universal design playground had been funded for \$182,000. The trail and playground will be located above the baseball field, near the bike pump track. The Agency of Natural Resources and Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation, the granting organizations, will make a formal announcement soon. The grant does not require matching funds. The funds will be available in June and we have 18 months to complete the project. If we get an intern, they may be able to help with the project.

Meeting adjourned at 4:23 p.m.

Meetings are held each month. Next meeting: Thursday, April 11, 2024 at 3 p.m. at the Glover Town Hall

Respectfully submitted,
Darlene Young, Secretary