



TOWN OF SHREWSBURY

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MINUTES

Monday, January 4, 2021 at 7:30 PM

Important Notice: Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the **Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Task Force – Housing Subcommittee** will be conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible. All meetings and hearings listed in the agenda will also be done so through remote participation. Specific information and the general guidelines for remote participation by members of the public and/or parties with a right and/or requirement to attend this meeting can be found on the town's website, at www.shrewsburyma.gov/coronavirus. No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings in real time, via technological means. In the event that we are unable to do so, despite best efforts, we will post on the town's website an audio or video recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting. To listen to this meeting, dial [1 240-774-0021] and enter the following pin: [601-058-376#]. Please mute your device.

Minutes of the Shrewsbury DEI Taskforce Housing Subcommittee Meeting
Conducted 1/4/2021 with all attendees participating remotely.

1. Meeting called to order at 7:59 PM by Ruth Febo
2. All Subcommittee members were present; Ruth Febo, Jennie Fishman, Louise Garone
3. Discussed if the Project Management style is the method we want to use for our subcommittee
4. Before selection of chair and minute taker, and meeting frequency was determined, we discussed how we should gather information on current housing issues in Shrewsbury. Louise recommended we use the *HOUSING PRODUCTION PLAN - 2019* prepared by the Town of Shrewsbury Department of Planning and Economic Development to gather information document can be found here: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1p1BeYcbPkLOLfzTyovnUS8lzejDf24Wd?usp=sharing>
5. We discussed this document in high level for, as well as if we can tap into the Shrewsbury Housing Authority (SHA) as a resource, we are looking for information on
 - a. Low-income housing
 - b. COVID, and its effect on the working poor or residents of Shrewsbury that may have lost jobs and are now in jeopardy of losing homes
 - c. Breakdown of demographics for housing
 - d. Who is making policy and are the policies anti-racist?

6. Jennie will reach out to the SHA to inquire on who can attend their next meeting. We would also like to survey their agenda and minutes for the last 12 months.
7. We decided to meet weekly on Tuesdays (Jan 12, 19, 26, Feb 2) from 4:30pm-6pm
 - a. Frequency and next meetings will be re-visited after the scheduled meetings above.
8. Ruth nominated Jennie as Chair, Louise seconded the motion
9. Louise nominated Ruth as minute taker, Jennie seconded the motion
10. Louise moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:00pm, Jennie seconded the motion.

Submitted by Ruth Febo
1/5/2020