

**Bristol Equity Committee
Meeting Notes
February 26, 2025
Via Zoom and in person**

1) 7:00-7:05 Call to order and opening business

2) Call to order 7:03

- a) Committee member introductions: Trevor, Krista, Bryan
- b) Other: Porter Knight, Jim, Amy Smith, new community resource specialist, Alex Lyford, Midd College faculty-statistician
- c) Identify notetaker and facilitator for next meeting: Krista
- d) Approve February notes: Yes

3) 7:05-7:10 Public Comment Period

4) 7:10-7:15 Addition of Items to the Agenda

5) New Business

Amy: Community resource specialist

Works in police department, employed by the town, can do anything that does not need to involve a police officer, supporting officers behind the scenes

Tracking interactions through police reporting system

Lives in Bristol, works in the community for a long time

Currently working 4 10 hour shifts, but there is flexibility

Not a licensed social worker

Reaching out to Middlebury human service/support organizations to make connections and know where resources exist

Interested in bringing services directly into Bristol

Working in the schools, providing parent support, organizing transportation

Questions from Committee:

Rescue Squad could use more help, lots of folks need a welfare check more than direct emergency medical assistance. Has a connection been made with the Rescue Squad? Porter could help with that

Flyer to put in town welcome bags-could we include info about Amy's role?

How can our committee help? What are the needs-Amy would like to know, so she can make connections

6. Alex Lyford-Middlebury College Statistics Faculty Member

Working with CVOEO on their survey, they have a really good response rate, they are already asking questions that we might want to have info about, and then we could possibly include some of our own questions, specific to Bristol. He will take our four questions, share with students, think about analysis that will happen and whether these questions will work (test with survey testers). He will get back to us in about a week to confirm questions, then we'll get a draft of the survey to play around with.

Survey will be kept open 2-3 weeks, results could go into a web application and then we can add our own data to that, if we collect additional data. could filter for how the info was collected. The survey is distributed in multiple ways.

Community outreach and conversations:

Bryan reached out to folks at Pathways, John Graham

Trevor connected with some neighbors

Do we continue with this effort, or focus instead on amplifying the CVOEO effort? Agree to push out the survey and keep track of who we send it to on the document that we created with Tabitha

Porter will also make copies of the survey to put out on the town meeting desk

We will wait to connect back with Tabitha until after we see the data-Porter will let her know what we're up to

By Dec 2025 we need to use the money, around \$7,000 remaining

Krista will post to FPF that we have an open seat

6) 8:15-8:30 New Business

Information swap

Vermont Family Network annual conference April 8

7) Next Meeting: March 26, 2025

8) Adjournment 8:25pm