

## CDICR - Community Engagement Subcommittee

April 30, 2021

Present: Malcolm Doldron, Joan Lancourt, Jonathan Golden, Kea van der Ziel, Shana Penna, Mariah Nobrega, Carolina San Miguel (ODICR), Caitlin Starr (ODICR)

Guests: Betsy DeWitt, Arthur Conquest, Felina Silver Robinson

1. April 16, 2021 minutes approved
2. **Discussion of Possible Collaboration with LWV and TMMA**
  - a. Betsy shared some information about the LWV
    - i. The League educates voters, specifically with regards to Town Meeting and local elections. They hold a forum on warrant articles and a candidate forum.
    - ii. They strive to be a collecting place for information, non partisan, presenting balanced information.
    - iii. The League doesn't take a position; they help voters make well informed decisions.
    - iv. The committee asked some questions about this past years virtual format, data collection and collaborations
      1. The virtual format allows for more participants, but less participation
      2. The League does not track data or numbers to evaluate impact. Zoom does have a record of attendees.
      3. Malcolm posed the questions of collaborating on voter education in a video format to compliment the work already being done. Something brief but informative may spread to a broader audience. Betsy mentioned the "Friday discussions" with different topics in partnership with BIG and that they would be interested in a collab, but have no staff; can support.
  - b. Arthur spoke in regards to TMMA and TMM
    - i. 16 precincts, 2 reps from each on TMMA
    - ii. Precinct 6 has a newsletter that addresses issues important to their precinct. He has found that this has been key in getting people out to vote.
    - iii. Is there a way to express the usefulness of a newsletter and use TMMs to push other precincts to do meetings, newsletters, or otherwise engage constituents? Monthly open house for constituents?
    - iv. TMMs may feel they do not have the time or ability as it adds to the weight of the responsibility.
    - v. Shana mentioned a shift in how the public communicates with public officials; possibly address how to more effectively communicate with public officials in a training?

- vi. It was noted that each precinct is in a different place in regards to community engagement - how can this committee in partnership with TMMA push each precinct forward a little bit?

**3. Next Meeting: Friday April May 14th at 8:30 AM**