

Springfield Inclusion Committee Special Meeting
February 8th 2023

5:30 Meeting called to order

Present in person: patrice jones, Char Osterlund, Sue Dowdell, Brandon Gulnick, Dan Bannon.
Present on Zoom: Charis Boke

The only item on the agenda for tonight is the proposed flag policy for TOS. The Committee reviewed and discussed the text of the draft policy shared by Selectmember Walter Martone.

Brandon Gulnick moved to share the committee's stance with the Selectboard as follows.

"The Committee finds that the spirit of the policy is consistent with the Declaration of Inclusion. However, we find greater clarity is necessary. We recommend that:

- the word "banner" be clearly defined;
- that the clause "and all individuals employed by or who volunteer with the Town of Springfield" be struck;
- and that the phrase "Town flag poles, Town buildings and grounds are not intended to serve as a forum for free expression by the public" be struck."

Dan Bannon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Sue Dowdell motioned to adjourn, seconded by Brandon Gulnick.
The meeting was adjourned at 6:08pm.