

Town of Cambridge
Selectboard Resolution
Status of Community Engagement Team

WHEREAS, on April 3, 2017 the Selectboard created the Community Engagement Team (CET) as a formal town committee to study and make recommendations surrounding community engagement issues raised at the 2017 annual Town Meeting; and

WHEREAS, the CET conducted a survey, held 12 meetings, and delivered its report to the Selectboard on November 20, 2017; and

WHEREAS, on December 4, 2017 the Selectboard issued instructions asking the CET to carry out various tasks for the 2018 Town Meeting; and

WHEREAS, the CET held further meetings and carried out those tasks for the 2018 Town Meeting with considerable success.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

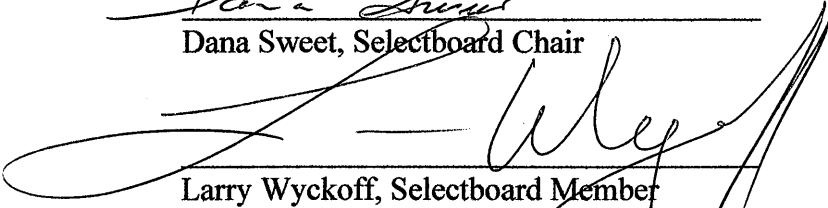
1. The Selectboard THANKS the CET for its efforts and COMMENDS the CET for its success in improving community engagement. The Selectboard specifically thanks the non-selectboard members of the CET: Chair Tyler Machia, Karen Denniston, Krista Huling, Mark Schilling, Mark Stebbins and Meredith Vaughn.
2. The Selectboard hereby ends the status of the CET as a formal town committee.
3. The Selectboard encourages the members of the CET, and other interested community members, to continue to work together as an informal workgroup on community engagement matters, with the goal of continuous improvement for the community.
4. The Selectboard encourages consideration of the following matters:
 - a. Childcare at town meeting. The Selectboard hopes that the school or a nonprofit organization will organize this activity.
 - b. An “operator’s manual” for Cambridge residents. An initiative to create an “operator’s manual” modeled after such documents in Middlesex and Tinmouth would be welcome.
5. The Selectboard notes the following characteristics of informal workgroups:
 - a. The membership and mission are not defined by the Selectboard. They are determined by the participants in the workgroup.
 - b. A workgroup does not have authority to act on behalf of the Town, but it may make recommendations.

- c. A workgroup may request funding from the Town. Requests for town funding should be supported by a proposed work plan, and should be submitted to the Finance Committee.
 - d. A workgroup may have a report in the annual town report. A workgroup should have a report in the annual town report if it receives town funding.
 - e. Workgroups need not be concerned with quorum requirements when meeting.
 - f. Workgroups need not follow Vermont's open meeting law, but they may find that they are more effective if they post agendas and minutes on the town's website.
6. The Selectboard recommends the Middlesex Town Meeting Solutions Committee as an example that could be followed for the continuing work of the Community Engagement Team in Cambridge as an informal workgroup.

The foregoing resolution is hereby adopted by the Selectboard of the Town of Cambridge, Vermont, this 20th day of March 2018.



Dana Sweet, Selectboard Chair



Larry Wyckoff, Selectboard Member



George Putnam, Selectboard Member