Minutes of the EDIT Meeting of April 9, 2026 on the Zoom Platform

Present: Jonathan Tropp, Chairman; Challa Flemming, Co-Chair; David Rosenburg, Samantha Miller, Rick Bolton, Rodney Gray
Absent: Chris Powell
Also Present: James Cordone, Town of Trumbull Attorney; Phil Meagher, Town of Trumbull Technology; Jennifer Winschell Town Council Liaison; CJ Gladstone, Social Justice Leadership Network; Joanne Glasser Orenstein, Clerk

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Tropp at 7:31pm

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Roll Call was completed.

There was no correspondence.

No Public Comment

Ms. Flemming made a motion to approve the March minutes, Mr. Rosenburg seconded. Mr. Tropp noted the correct name of the book for June is “Biased”; the motion was amended to reflect the corrected name by unanimous consent. VOTE: Mr. Bolton abstained, all others in favor.

Mr. Tropp reported EMT Chief Colin Bassett, who had been scheduled to attend the evening’s meeting, was unable to attend because of a late conflict. He has agreed to come in September.

CJ Gladstone, who was invited to the meeting by Rodney Gray, introduced herself. She is part of two groups, one based on the Shoreline and the other in the areas around Hartford: The Shoreline Racial Justice Alliance and the Social Justice Leadership Network. The two alliances came together two years ago. They are doing a lot of common work, about 20 groups with 35 active members. The point is to enhance the ability of local groups to be more effective in their towns by educating and enhancing their strengths. They meet monthly on zoom, except twice a year in person.

They hope to advocate on the state level, maybe become a 501(c)(3).

Some groups focus on racial issues, some on housing, some on education. The alliance’s focus is not on specific issues, but on how to be more effective. They have a fiduciary partner in the Granby Racial Reconciliation Group. They have some grants from local groups and individual members pay $20 per event.

The way to become a member is to show up to a meeting. Their Facebook group is private, so participants need to be approved. They meet the third Monday of the month at 5pm on Zoom. Ms. Gladstone will send EDIT information about the May meeting.

Old Business

Survey: Mr. Tropp reported the Town is ready to help distribute the survey. The Town does not have a SurveyMonkey account, but Mr. Tropp's firm will allow him to use theirs for EDIT's survey. Mr. Tropp hopes to get it out before the school year ends.

Book Club: June 29 is "Biased" and October 5 is "Good Talk".

New Business
Future Meeting Guests
Mr. Tropp reported Joan Littlefield, the Director of the Health Department, will attend in June; Colin Basset in September; Stefan Lyhne-Nielsen, Director of the Trumbull Library System, will attend in October.

New Business

There was a brief discussion of having a tent at Trumbull Day. Though it is not too late, Ms. Glasser Orenstein, who is on the Commission, stated there has been a conversation to limit the vendors this year to strictly entertainment-based interests. Nonetheless, she will present it to the Commission to see if the issue remains open.

Adjournment: Ms. Flemming made a motion, and Mr. Bolton seconded. VOTE: All in favor at 8:03pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Glasser Orenstein, Clerk

April 12, 2026.