

Reconcile not shame.

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I am, like many others, exasperated by the Racial and Social Equity Committee. Whenever I hear of any committee meetings, they seem to be filled with thought-terminating clichés that end discussion rather than foster further discussion. The committee has engaged in shaming other town members in public and finger-wagging at people who cannot defend themselves or ask for forgiveness because, well—they're dead.

It does not appear that the committee has put forward proposals to aid those who need aid, but instead have divided our town when we should be united (as we usually are).

I suggest that instead of "training," we find a way to be unified before the November election, and maybe even start a fund raiser that benefits or continues a nobler cause.

I am opposed to renaming town hall and I am opposed to opening the lake to all (I don't remember seeing anyone on RASEC ever cleaning the muck of the private lake, although they propose opening it to all).

I am opposed to letting people who do not live here and do not pay taxes here to have a vote on town issues such as these. The reason Canadians don't vote in the USA is because...they're not Americans. The town is not unusual in linking residence and tax status to voting. And when we pay our taxes and donate money, we count on the town's leadership to direct funds in a proper way.

Most sincerely,

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