Human Rights Commission
Meeting Minutes

August 22nd – Town Hall Conference Room – 6:30- 8:00 pm

Chairman Merritt called meeting to order at 6:30.

In attendance at the meeting were:

Lindsay Beal
Pat Kilty
Sheila Ryder
Jane Francis
Robert Bardell
Kevin Merritt
Donna Gaffey
Raymie Parker

Guest speaker: Lt. Kranefuss- Stoneham Police

First order of business was to accept July 25th, 2019 meeting minutes. Lindsay Beal moved to accept, Bob Bardell seconded.

Raymie Parker, Select Woman introduced our guest speaker Lt Kranefuss of the Stoneham Police Department. Lt. Kranefuss welcomed any questions from the group versus a presentation. This allowed for us to gain information regarding the following:

Diversion Programs

Resource Officers

Training programs for Officers to understand various populations:
Crisis intervention
HEAT- Heroin intervention
Opioid Epidemic
Mental Health Issues

Group was able to gain information as to how the police are equipping themselves to deal with all sectors of the community.

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Possibilities for future speakers were discussed: Stoneham Alliance Against Violence, Maureen Canova, COA Director, Megan Day, Chamber of Commerce., SEEM, ESL.

Discussion continued amongst the group on our mission statement versus goal, keeping it simple- words to stand behind. Continued conversation on starting a short list of Stoneham

representatives who could speak to any issues here in Stoneham. Discussion continued with how to introduce the group to public and encouraging discussion regarding issues.

Bob Bardell discussed meetings with school officials and suggestions for future speakers.
The commission was invited to attend the Community Dinner held at the Congregational Church by Bob as an opportunity for Education & Outreach.

As the meeting drew to a close, members were encouraged to continue to do homework on speakers & issues and mission statement to bring to next meeting.

At approximately 7:55 Chair moved to adjourn.