

# Human Rights Commission Meeting Minutes

**May 28, 2020 – Remote Meeting – 6:30-8:00 pm**

## **REMOTE PARTICIPATION MEETING**

**Conducted pursuant to the Executive Order dated March 12, 2020 suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, Gen.L.c.30A &20, et seq., and 940 CMR29.01, et seq.**

*In response to Governor Baker's declaration of a public health emergency and the related Emergency Executive Order dated March 12, 2020, the Human Rights Commission shall be meeting remotely until further notice. The audioconferencing application Go to Meeting will be used for this purpose. An online link and telephone access number will be provided on all meeting agendas and also on the Human Rights Commission website. This application will permit the public to access and participate in future Human Rights Commission meetings. Instructions for joining meetings in this manner will be provided on the Human Rights Commission website. . We extend our thanks for your understanding in this manner, which is intended to keep members of the Commission safe.*

**Chairman Kevin Merritt called meeting to order at 6:35. Stating the declarations above and asking all members to identify themselves and their home address.**

Online for the meeting were:

Kevin Merritt

Rob Bardell

Lindsay Beal

Pat Kilty

Sheila Ryder

Donna Gaffey

Jane Francis

Raymie Parker, Select Person

**After roll call a motion was passed with all members in agreement and the meeting began. After stating that all documents are available on Town's website, motion was made to accept minutes by Jane Francis, seconded by Pat Kilty.**

**Discussion on the COVID-19 crisis was continued. Members shared thoughts and ideas on status of masks, current environment and how reopening was going.**

- **Jane Francis remarked on increase in traffic as well as accidents, and the wearing of masks.**
- **Lindsay, contributed that other towns requiring them. Pat expressed disappointment that the distribution at the high school ran out so quickly Jane offered that she believed the Senior Center was passing out masks.**
- **Rob contributed that there are protocols for masks and social distancing, more regulations.**

**The conversation shifted to what will be Town's policy, how the Town will reopen buildings, what measure were being taken and how educating the public regarding protocols would be done. Mutual agreement opening quickly would not be good.**

**In old business, the Neighborhood Action plan, which Lindsay and Sheila have been working on, (list of local services as a way of as a way of connecting people with services.) Was revisited. Raymie mentioned the plan and its introduction would be step in leaving an impact and giving voice to who the HRC is.**

**Discussion was raised as to whether we could be a presence on other websites such as the Senior Center, the Library and increasing our own HRC website presence by adding the Mission statement and our purpose. Agreed that continued work on the neighborhood action plan and listing of resources would assist in this.**

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**Next meeting was scheduled for June 25, 2020.**

**Motion was made to adjourn by Donna Gaffey, second by Pat Kilty, roll call vote was held and meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm.**