

Human Rights Commission
Amended Meeting Minutes

May 20, 2021 – Remote Meeting – 6:30-7:30 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, stating the declarations above and asking all members to identify themselves and their home address.

Online for the meeting were:

Kevin Merritt
Pat Kilty
Donna Gaffey
Erin Bradley, MD
Rob Bardell
Lindsay Beal
Emma Kilbride
Sheila Ryder

Motion to start the meeting was made by, Pat Kilty. Second by Erin Bradley.

After roll call vote meeting began at 6:30 pm.

First order of business was approval of meeting minutes for April 22, 2021 motion to approve Erin Bradley, Pat Kilty seconds. Roll call vote was held and minutes approved.

Subcommittee reports:

- Community Outreach update (Jane & Pat) on flyers for Events would like one page each one versus the two sided produced to Town Meeting. Will be printed at Town Hall, Pat will distribute. Possible distribution at the Farmers Market was discussed.

- Event Planning update (Lindsay & Donna) have been working with Pride Committee, collaborating with Heidi Bilbo and Raymie Parker and a growing number of persons and groups interested in planning for the Pride Event taking place on the common on Saturday, June 12th 11:00am. To 1:00 pm. Discussion of having a table, not having table, HRC members should circulate.

Discussion of Juneteenth, Kevin had reached out to Michael Day and Jason Lewis, would like to get some more good speakers involved. Would like to have people of color from this community. The date has been booked on the common, Saturday, June 19th. 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Discussion what could be added to event possible meaning of Juneteenth flag, spreadsheet will be circulated to see who can be there on the day. More Facebook posts regarding the event, possible recording by Stoneham TV. News Flash, or contacting Megan Day for promotion by Chamber in their newsletter.

- After June events happen there will be the need to keep pot boiling for Fall Event.
- Education subcommittee update (Sheila, Rob and Erin) Sheila would like to send bystander links to various groups in town. Rob is meeting with groups to see how they would benefit from the training. Would SAAV want to participate. Sheila will be leading a discussion group for Stoneham reads on Monday, May 24th, Erin and Lindsay will be joining. Registration for Stoneham Reads is "easy", suggestion made for the young adult version. Lindsay and Sheila are facilitators for Stoneham Reads and Lindsay asked that members support and promote their Stoneham Reads Facebook page.
 - Kevin will work on communication statement.
 - September 16th is date for HRC table at the Farmers Market.
 - Next meeting June 24th at 6:30 pm- unsure if live or remote at this time.

Motion to adjourn made by Donna Gaffey, second by Sheila Ryder. Roll call vote and meeting was adjourned.