

Human Rights Commission
Meeting Minutes

June 24, 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
Emma Kilbride
Sheila Ryder
Jane Francis

Motion to start the meeting was made by, Pat Kilty. Second by Sheila Ryder.

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

First order of business was approval of meeting minutes for May 20, 2021 motion to approve Erin Bradley motion to approve with amendments. Jane Francis seconds. Roll call vote was held and minutes approved.

Subcommittee reports:

- Community Outreach update (Jane & Pat) Pat reported back to commission members that flyers cannot be distributed at the Farmers Market without Lauren Murphy's permission. Members could not just show up at market and distribute. Permission has to be obtained prior to market.
- Event Planning update (Lindsay & Donna) - discussion over more publicity have for Pride event versus Juneteenth , explained the Pride Committee had varied membership of high profile people in town and was able to get the publicity. Juneteenth had many roadblocks along the way and not advertising widely seemed better idea as not sure of what program content and speakers until very late in the week. Pride day was huge success and had great turnout. Juneteenth was a good turnout and event despite the bumps as it was first solo event. Thinking forward Rob suggested we get pictures of both events from friends and members so we can utilize for next year and to help promote HRC reaching out to community.
- Education subcommittee update (Sheila, Rob and Erin) Sheila talked about leading a discussion group for Stoneham reads on Monday, May 24th, Erin, Lindsay and Donna joined the group, Erin

gave shout out to Sheila on her leadership with the discussion group. Jane commented on her experience with her book discussion group that the references to television shows and movies was all how you look at , the discussion provided a new view. Further update on Upstander Training, would not pursue until after Town Day (September 18th) unfortunately we did not get grant. Sheila mentioned the free resources available on the website Hollaback and maybe we could utilize those. Announcement Senator Lewis will be hosting a Human Rights and Social Justice Forum at the Senior Center on June 28.

- Discussion regarding HRC table at Farmers Market on September 16th, what we will have on table, literature, giveaways. This gave way to discussion of a logo for HRC, possibility of running a contest to get assistance in creating logo. Would also help in getting word out there that HRC is here and get folks talking about us. Moving on logo should be timely as we will need a banner for September 16th.
- For both Town Day and Farmers Market we will need a signup sheet, who is coming, should we do shifts. Also substance of what we want to say, who we are, what we are – and handouts.
- Look to have an event in October. Keep an eye on calendar as it books up quickly.
- Next meeting July 15th at 6:30, continue with remote at this time.
- Motion to adjourn made by Rob Bardell, second by Donna Gaffey. Roll call vote and meeting was adjourned.