

Wakefield Human Rights Commission Minutes

DATE: Tuesday, March 17, 2020, 6:30 p.m. PLACE: Zoom Conference
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/131391343>

Participants

Jen Boettcher
Chichi Canavan
Isabel Castro
Rich Greif
Christina Joseph
Pina Masciarelli
Maria Muti
Benny Wheat

From the Public

Mehreen Butt

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1. Call to order. 6:36

2. Approval of minutes: February 18, 2020 meeting. Minutes approved.

3. Public Participation: None

4. Town Vision and Values statement committee

They are looking for representative from the WHRC. Send names of interested Commissioners to Town Councilor Jonathan Chines. It is going to be a 4-6 months process. WHRC wants to know more about the time commitment

5. Beebe Library Proposal – *Commit To Your Community*

The WHRC Chair presented the document. All members voted in favor of supporting the WHRC and will write letter in support. The following questions were asked for future reference: What kind of involvement are they looking for? What is the event promoting, what types of events?

International Women's Day 2020 recap –

Event was successful. Team effort

Women's Action Wall. Put on Town Hall after Covid pandemic.

Printing for events – Find local organizations, such as the library of the Galvin Middle School that could do printing for us, especially if color printing-

METCO Advocacy Day – March 18 CANCELLED - International Night- April 3 –

Native American Legislation event – April 7: Possibly postponed

Committee to study the Pride/ Trans and other flags. Sub-Committee

Members: Pina, Chichi, Isabel

Raise the flags. Steve Maio's Office

Make the event Family Friendly

Open Air Family Festival

WHRC does not desire to do a Fund Raiser, but if organizations, such as NAGLY want to have a table, that is a possibility.

Intelligent Lives Screening – April 13 - Pride Month

7. HRC open seats for April 30

No news. Possibility of reaching out to past applicant. Reach out School Committee

8. WHRC supplies storage update – physical and electronic. No update

9. Matters not anticipated for agenda

In reference to the virus. Be aware of discriminatory messages to ethnic group or population.

Volunteer Appreciation Night was a success

10. Review Action List and Adjournment . 7:53

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ACTION LIST

- Rich: Write a letter to the Beebe Library in support of their proposal
- Jen: talk to Town Hall to display International Women's Days Pictures on their walls.
Also, write to the paper
- Rich: Thank Katherine and remember to share pictures
- Rich: Follow up with Senator Lewis
- Pride Subcommittee: meet and plan, with the understanding that it may not happen
 - Find out about official process to raise flags
 - Purchase the trans flag?
 - Feedback and questions about the flag
- Rich: find out if someone applied to our Commission from Town Hall
- Rich: follow up with Chris Callahan from School Committee about Applicants to our Commission
- Maria: Find out options about Digital Storage
- Rich: share info of what other towns are saying about the virus
- New Member Committee: Interview Applicants when we have them