

NOTICE OF MEETING April 21, 2020 | 6:30 p.m. Via Zoom:

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WHRC MINUTES

Tuesday, April 21st, 2020

Present Members:

Jen Boettcher
Matt Cadwell
ChiChi Canavan
Isabel Castro
Rich Greif
Christina Joseph
Pina Masciarelli
Maria Muti
Sherri Oken
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AGENDA

1. Call to order 6:52. We use the following Zoom link> <https://zoom.us/j/3300659022>
2. Public Participation. No public participation
 - Among present members we inquire about potential Human Rights Violations related with minorities, such as Asian Americans.
 - We also explored the topic of people shaming for walking around the lake.
 - We discussed Food pantry programs in the area and unemployment.
3. Approval of minutes, March 17, 2020 meeting. Minutes approved.
4. Beebe Library Proposal – Commit To Your Community. All commissioners voted in favor
5. Pride Month
 - Sub-Committee met on Tuesday, April 21st to discuss celebrating Pride in the month of June
 - Flying the flag at the Civic Center presented potential problems. Town Council decided last year that for Flags to fly, they have to rent the Civic Center. It is an

impossibility right now. Town Administrator advised the Commission to ask for a waiver from Town Council.

- There is a problem with the size of the pole at the Civic Center. Any other flag has to be fit under the US Flag.
- Potentially, for future events, we can explore the possibility of flying the flag at Town Hall or to “rent” the Hall for a Fall Raising Ceremony.
- Sub-committee is going to explore alternative ways to celebrate Pride 2020, among many ideas:
- Have a virtual Cultural Event in a Platform like Facebook Live. The candidate for this year is Alastair Mook.
- We would like to distribute flags or signs to be put on yards. The agreement was not to collect money but use our Town of Wakefield’s Fund. Also, a majority of commissioners were in favor of using the most inclusive trans flag, which includes transgender groups, rather than handing out different flags.
- Have virtual story time, in different languages. Possibly partner with the library.

6. HRC appointments

Rich Greif is staying temporarily. School Committee will post the position in future months.

Rev. Cadwell is going to represent the clergy for one more year

Student appointment: Mrs. McCloud, WMHS Principal makes the appointment, but we ask Christina to give her input.

The Commissioner welcomed Sherri Oken

7. Election of Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary for FY21, effective May 1st,

Chair: Maria Muti

Vice-Chair: Isabel Castro

Secretary: Benny Wheat

8. Matters not anticipated for agenda

International Women’s Day. Promote the event on the paper

Supporting people with ID Taxpayer and not SSN to receive stimulus check

9. Review Action List and Adjournment. Session adjourned at 8:40

Benny: share resources about discrimination and help to vulnerable populations

PRIDE Sub/committee>

- Talk to Town Council about our options for Pride
- Ask Town Council if we can wrap Pride-related decorations around town poles
- Reach out to the library to partner with them for virtual story time
- Maria: reach out to Alastair Mook about ideas for Wakefield. We have the \$550 → Grant
- Make printables
- Ask the town accountant to open a Venmo account/ PAYPAL if the necessity arises

- Research about flags

Maria and Sheri: Write article for the paper about International Women's Day

Christina: reach out to the Principal to give input about student representative

Maria: share more information to support populations with no SSN that are not able to receive stimulus checks.

