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MEETING MINUTES**

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BOARD/COMMITTEE NAME: Hamilton Human Rights Commission

DATE OF MEETING: JULY 21, 2021

MEETING LOCATION

Memorial Room- Town Hall-577 Bay Road, Hamilton, MA 01982

Join Zoom Meeting

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DATE OF ACCEPTANCE: 08-18-2021

Attendees: Town Manager Joe Domelowicz, Police Chief Russell Stevens, Student Member Maya Beach, Anne Brady, Christina Holz, Jared Hughes, Jamie Knudsen, Nancy Stehfest, Alaina Walsh.

Absent: JoAnne Copeland

1, Call to Order

Meeting began at: Meeting was called to order by Chair Brady at 5:03 p.m.

2, Public Comment There were no questions or comments at this time.

3, Progress on Proclamation: Regarding Hate Speech (update on working with the Wenham HRC)
Chair Brady indicated she had been in touch with the Wenham Human Rights Chair. Both Towns have appointed two members each to a sub-committee to work on the development of the proclamation.

4, Update on Subcommittee Work

a. Inclusivity Forum

J. Hughes stated he and C. Holz have plans to discuss next week and will have more to share at the August meeting.

b. Definition Section of HRC Policy

A. Walsh stated she and M. Beach have discussed what to include. Development is in progress.

5, Discussion of Flag Policy Research Progress

N. Stehfest and J. Knudsen presented draft Flag Policy. Based on feedback from committee members, edits will be made, and a second reading and vote will be taken at the August meeting.

6, Discuss Development of Faster Response to Future Events in Town

N. Stehfest introduced the topic of whether the HRC should create a process to quickly respond to events. TM Domelowicz pointed out the Town is responsible for issuing public statements. Chief Stevens suggested posting a statement similar to the City of Beverly's HRC may be an option. J. Hughes suggested creating an archive on the webpage of statements. No action taken.

7, Discussion of Formation of a "Peace and Justice Garden" in Patton Park

The idea of developing a garden in Patton Park was introduced by N. Stehfest. Next steps, J. Hughes will reach out to the HW Garden Club to discuss the feasibility of establishing a garden in Patton Park and whether the club would be willing to assist. If viable, the project will be raised with the Board of Selectmen and DPW.

8, Discuss Need for Translation Services in Town

M. Beach presented on the need for translational services. Details regarding the Gloucester Housing Authority's plan were shared. TM Domelowicz will check into options for the Town's website to offer translation and the feasibility of purchasing a language line. He will also reach out to the Housing Authority.

9, New Business

No new business was discussed

10, Adjourn

Chair Brady noted next scheduled meeting is August 18, 2021 and requested motion to adjourn.

Motion made by: J. Knudsen moved for adjournment.

Motion seconded by: C. Holz seconded the motion

Result: On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously, the roll was called by

Minutes prepared by: Nancy Stehfest

Respectfully submitted as approved at August 18, 2021 meeting. Nancy Stehfest, Clerk