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Town of Hamilton
Meeting Minutes

Board/Committee Name: Hamilton Human Rights Commission

Date of Meeting: September 15, 2021

The Human Rights Commission met virtually

Join Zoom Meeting

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Date of Acceptance: ____10-20-2021____

Attendees, Police Chief Russell Stevens, Anne Brady, Jamie Knudsen, Nancy Stehfest, Alaina Walsh.

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Chair Brady at 5:03PM

2. Public Comment

There were no questions or comments at this time.

3. Consent Agenda

Approve Minutes from August 2021 meeting

No Discussion

Motion: *To approve the consent agenda*

Made by: J.Knudsen

Seconded by: R. Stevens

Result: On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

4. Discussion of Flag policy next steps

J. Knudsen and N. Stehfest provided update. The Select Board held the first reading of the draft Flag Policy on September 20, 2021. Edits and discussion of changes the BOS is considering will continue at future meetings, possibly at the September 20, 2021 meeting.

5. Progress on Proclamation re. Hate speech

A. Brady provided status update. The HRC is awaiting feedback from the Wenham Human Rights Committee. The Proclamation will be finalized by both groups.

6. Inclusivity/Acceptance Forum planning for Fall (working with Wenham HRC)

A. Brady provided status update. The HRC will be connecting with the Wenham Human Rights Committee

7. Definition section to Human Rights Commission Policy

A. Walsh provided status update. Conferring with J.Hughes on status of definition section of the policy.

8. Garden in Patton Park

N. Stehfest provided status update. J.Hughes presented concept of a garden in Patton Park to the leadership of the HW Garden Club who provided guidance on necessary steps. The HW Garden Club suggested contacting individuals who had worked on the Pingree Park project.

9. Report on Portal Activity

Chair Brady reported on a report of an incident received via the portal. The case is currently being worked.

10. Discuss continuing Zoom hosting for future meetings

Discussion of timing and whether a hybrid model would be possible.

Motion: *To continue meeting virtually until noted otherwise*

Made by: Chief Stevens

Seconded by: A. Walsh

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

11. New Business for future meetings

- N. Stehfest asked for an update on the Town's procurement for translation services
- J. Knudsen would like to have ADA Accessibility Memo on the agenda.

12. Adjourn

Motion: *To Adjourn*

Made by: J. Knudsen

Seconded by: R. Stevens

Result: On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Minutes prepared by: Nancy Stehfest

Respectfully submitted as approved at 10-20-2021 meeting. Nancy Stehfest, Clerk