

**TOWN OF HAMILTON  
MEETING MINUTES**

**BOARD/COMMITTEE NAME:** Hamilton Human Rights Commission

**DATE OF MEETING:** MAY 18, 2022

**MEETING LOCATION**

**Join Zoom Meeting:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83968683246?pwd=nMoTMtPlguuNpi0W45c2CASLdQrTZ5.1>

Meeting ID: 839 6868 3246 Passcode: 417114

**DATE OF ACCEPTANCE:** June 15, 2022

**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:** Theresa Woodbury

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**1, Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order by Chair Brady at 5:01 PM

**2, Public Comment**

Mr. Tosh Blake of 217 Sagamore Street spoke to the Commission about a comment made by a Planning Board Member at the April 14, 2022, meeting of the Master Plan Committee. Chair Brady will take under advisement.

**3, Consent Agenda**

**Motion:** *To approve Minutes for April 20, 2022 Meeting*

Made by: Jamie Knudsen

Seconded by: Alaina Walsh

No Discussion

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

#### **4, Update on Status of Flag Raisings for Pride Month and Juneteenth Holiday-Planning**

Chair Brady mentioned the Select Board has approved the flying of the Pride Flag and the Juneteenth Flag. Jamie Knudsen stated the Select Board voted to fly the Pride Flag for the month of June, and the Juneteenth Flag, June 19-26<sup>th</sup>. Members of the Commission discussed best dates to hold flag raising events and whom to invite to participate.

**Motion:** *To organize Pride Flag Raising on Wednesday, June 1, 2022, at 5:30pm at Patton Park.*

Motion made by: Jared Hughes  
Motion seconded by: Anne Brady

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

**Motion:** *To organize Juneteenth Flag Raising on Sunday, June 19, 2022, at 1:00pm*

Motion made by: Jamie Knudsen  
Motion seconded by: Christina Holz

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

#### **5, Looking Ahead to Autism Awareness Month 2023**

Alaina Walsh expressed an interest in working with the Hamilton Police and schools on Autism Awareness 2023. Chief Stevens will provide Detective Achadinhak with Alaina's contact information.

#### **6, Bystander Training Planning Update**

Christina Holz provided update." Hollaback" is now known as "Right to Be". Christina also mentioned the positive reception received from the Superintendent and is considering the training. Anne Brady mentioned there is more interest in holding a community wide training due to recent events.

#### **7, Town Swearing in Process Discussion**

Jared Hughes raised the issue of the religious language in the municipal swearing in process used by the Town. Joe Domelowicz and Jared Hughes will research the issue. Jamie Knudsen mentioned the religious language is not commonly used in Court.

## **8, June Term Expirations: Reappointment Discussion**

Anne Brady raised term expirations of Maya Beach and Christina Holz. Maya will continue. Christina indicated she will not be reappointed. The Commission expressed their gratitude to Christina for her service.

## **9, New Business for Future Meetings**

- The issue raised by Mr. Blake
- Religious Language in municipal swearing in
- Next meeting: June 15, 2022, at 5pm

## **10. Adjourn \_\_\_ 6pm**

Motion: *To adjourn*

Motion made by: Jared Hughes

Motion seconded by: Christina Holz

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

Minutes prepared by: Nancy Stehfest

Minutes reviewed by: HRC

Documents Reviewed: Meeting Minutes-April 2022 Meeting

Minutes prepared by: *Nancy Stehfest Respectfully submitted as approved at 06-15-2022 meeting.*  
*Nancy Stehfest, Clerk*