

**TOWN OF HAMILTON
MEETING MINUTES**

BOARD/COMMITTEE NAME: Hamilton Human Rights Commission

DATE OF MEETING: JUNE 21, 2023

MEETING LOCATION

Via Zoom

DATE OF ACCEPTANCE: July 19, 2023

Attendees: Student Member Maya Beach, Anne Brady, Fay Ciaramitaro, Jared Hughes, Nancy Stehfest, Chief Russell Stevens, Theresa Woodbury

Absent: Joe Domelowicz, Alaina Walsh, William Olson

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Brady at 5:02PM.

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

Consent Agenda Approval of Minutes from April 2023 Meeting.

Motion: *To approve the minutes to the April 2023 meeting.*

Made by: R. Stevens

Seconded by J. Hughes

No discussion.

Result: On a roll call vote the motion passed.

Report from Wenham HRC Meeting

Fay Ciaramitaro reported on Wenham's discussion regarding updating the Massachusetts State Seal and Flag. She stated cities and towns are being asked to support the change. Wenham was interested in knowing if Hamilton would like to be involved. The Commission agreed this should be explored with the Select Board. M. Beach referred members to <https://changethemassflag.com/>

Flag Raisings Debrief

Chair Brady stated Juneteenth well attended. M Beach commended North Shore Juneteenth Association for their participation and hopes it will continue in the coming years. Regarding Pride Flag Raising-M. Beach suggested reaching out to other community groups next year. Discussion regarding communication to improve attendance.

International Human Rights Day

N. Stehfest gave an update on planting of the tree, whose location was chosen by a children's vote during the International Human Rights Day held in December 2022. She thanked Joe Domelowicz, Tim Olson and John Geary for making it happen. She also reported planning is underway for the 75th International Human Rights Day to be held on Saturday, December 9th. An organizing meeting will be held in mid-July.

Membership Update

Maya Beach and Anne Brady will be leaving the Commission. Select Board has approved an ADA plan. The Board is seeking help with Public Comment review. J. Hughes expressed an interest in volunteering.

New Business for Future Meetings

J. Hughes would like to discuss the statement he is drafting for Labor Day
M. Beach uploaded Commission historic documents to the shared file for future reference.
N. Stehfest asked if we would be getting a Housing Authority member of the Commission.
The Commission thanked Anne and Maya for their service to the Town of Hamilton.

Adjourn

Motion for adjournment 5:30 PM

Motion made by: R. Stevens
Motion seconded by: J. Hughes

Result: On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously,
Next meeting scheduled for 07/19/2023

Documents Discussed at Meeting

- Draft Meeting Minutes of 04-2023 HRC Meeting

Respectfully submitted as approved at July 18, 2023 meeting by Nancy Stehfest