

**TOWN OF HAMILTON
MEETING MINUTES**

BOARD/COMMITTEE NAME: Hamilton Human Rights Commission

DATE OF MEETING: NOVEMBER 15, 2023

MEETING LOCATION

Via Zoom

DATE OF ACCEPTANCE: 12/13/2023

Attendees: Fay Ciaramitaro, Joe Domelowicz, Jared Hughes, Jamie Knudsen, Nancy Stehfest, Alaina Walsh, Theresa Woodbury

Absent: William Olson, Russell Stevens

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by J. Knudsen at 5:01 PM.

New Business and Agenda items we taken out of order.

Introduction of Charlotte Madden, Applicant for Student Member

Commission members spoke with Charlotte Madden, an applicant for the student member for the HRC.

Motion: *To recommend Charlotte Madden for the position of student member of the HRC*

Made by: N Stehfest

Seconded by: F. Ciaramitaro

No Discussion

Result: On a role call vote, motion passed

Update on Wenham Human Rights Committee Meetings

Fay Ciaramitaro reported on the presentation by authors of a soon to be published book regarding slavery in Wenham. The book is due to be released in February. The authors have proposed several educational initiatives for the coming year. Wenham also discussed the State Seal proposal.

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

Consent Agenda

Motion: *To Approve Meeting Minutes from August 2023 and October 2023.*

Made by: J Hughes

Seconded by: T Woodbury

No discussion.

Result: On a roll call vote, motion passed

Update on International Human Rights Day

N. Stehfest updated Commission on events planned for International Human Rights Day.

F. Ciaramitaro spoke about the judging process for reviewing submissions to the essay/art contest.

Continued Discussion on HRC Charter and Mission

Chair Knudsen spoke about the HRC Charter and Mission. J. Domelowicz explained the Select Board's process. The amended version has been approved by the Select Board and will be voted and signed at a later meeting.

Follow-up Discussion of State Seal

J. Knudsen spoke about the joint meeting held with Wenham regarding a change to the state seal. Discussion to be continued after checking on the status of campaign due to special commission's recommendation to replace the state seal.

Discussion of MLK Day Recognition

The Commission talked about options for recognizing MLK Day. J. Knudsen will reach out to Habitat For Humanity to learn more potential opportunities for a service day..

Move Next Meeting in December

Motion: *To schedule December meeting for December 13, 2023, at 5pm*

Motion made by: T Woodbury

Seconded by: F. Ciaramitaro

No Discussion

Result: On a roll call vote the motion passed.

Adjourn

Motion: *for adjournment*

Motion made by: T Woodbury

Motion seconded by: J Hughes

Result: On a roll call vote, the motion passed. 5:58 PM

Next meeting scheduled for 12/13/2023.

Documents Discussed at Meeting

- Edits to the HRC Charter
- Meeting minutes August 2023 and October 2023
- Application for student member of HRC

Respectfully submitted by: Nancy Stehfest, Clerk