

**TOWN OF HAMILTON
MEETING MINUTES**

BOARD/COMMITTEE NAME: Hamilton Human Rights Commission

DATE OF MEETING: MAY 15, 2024

MEETING LOCATION

Via Zoom

DATE OF ACCEPTANCE:

Attendees: Fay Ciaramitaro, Jared Hughes, Jamie Knudsen, Charlotte Madden, Nancy Stehfest, Russell Stevens, Alaina Walsh

Absent: Joe Domelowicz, Thomas Myers, Theresa Woodbury

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by J. Knudsen at 5:02 PM.

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

Consent Agenda

Motion: *To Approve Meeting Minutes from March 2024 Meeting.*

Made by: J. Hughes

Seconded by: F. Ciaramitaro

No discussion.

Result: On a roll call vote, motion passed

Juneteenth Planning for a Simple Flag Raising-Oversight

J. Knudsen summarized Juneteenth plans. Stated since Wenham will be holding this year's joint Juneteenth event on June 12th, a simple flag ceremony will be held at Patton Park on June 19th @ 10:00am. Chief Stevens suggested reaching out to the scouts in the future. Jared Hughes offered to participate in flag raising. The ceremony will take the place of the HRC's monthly meeting and will be posted.

News From the Wenham Human Rights Committee

F. Ciaramitaro discussed the most recent Wenham Human Rights Committee meeting.

Attended May 6th meeting. The Committee discussed planning for events in June including Flag Raisings for Pride, Juneteenth and Pride Picnic.

Habitat for Humanity Update

J Knudsen announced the Habitat for Humanity workday has been cancelled.

Pride Planning

Picnic Volunteers Needed

N. Stehfest reviewed plans for the HRC's participation at the Pride Picnic. The HRC has been asked to set up a conversation tent. Facilitators have been organized for the forum. Donated tent, table, chairs and snacks be set up for attendees. J. Knudsen, J. Hughes, F. Ciaramitaro, C. Madden, and A. Walsh volunteered to help on the day. C. Madden will reach out to the HWHRC for specific information regarding high school volunteers.

Flag Raising

A. Walsh offered to coordinate the Pride Flag Raising scheduled for Monday June 3rd @ 5:30pm. It was also noted Wenham would be holding their Pride Flag Raising at 6:30pm. R. Stevens will be assisting. Speakers will be arranged as well. Discussed other groups who may like to help out.

New Business

Chief Stevens reported on a very successful 3rd annual Autism Awareness Fundraiser Night held with Five Sons Pizza and the Hamilton and Wenham Police and Fire Departments on April 30th.

The Chief also noted that the Hamilton Police are investigating vandalism of the gazebo at Patton Park with racist comments. Discussed the possibility of installing cameras at the gazebo.

N. Stehfest mentioned email received from Anne Marie Cullen of the Hamilton Historical Society regarding Juneteenth and Indigenous People's Day. J. Hughes mentioned a possible site visit to Masconomet's gravesite.

Adjourn

Motion: *for adjournment*

Motion made by: R. Stevens

Motion seconded by: F. Ciaramitaro

Result: On a roll call vote, the motion passed. 5:35 PM

Documents Discussed at Meeting

- Meeting minutes May 2024

Respectfully submitted as approved at the July 17, 2024 meeting by: Nancy Stehfest, Clerk