

**Human Rights Commission
Meeting Minutes May 29, 2019**

Attendance: Margaret Adams, Officer Michael Buckley, Chris Kelly, Diane Loud, Joe Borsellino, Amy Wax Lafont

The meeting was convened at 7:10 PM.

Art Logo Contest is on hold as we wait for Nancy Baker who can support running the logo guidelines by town counsel. Diane Loud will check in with Nancy Baker in two weeks. The goal would be to launch the logo at Dedham Day in September. Perhaps at Dedham Day, we can hand out the guidelines and also have materials for kids and adults to draw their own logo to submit as an activity. Officer Buckley will check with organizer of Dedham Day to see how we might proceed to have a table at the event.

Joe Borsellino will also ask Nancy Baker how the HRC might create an account so that it can seek out and receive grants. Joe Borsellino will also check in with Nancy about the commissioners whose terms are expiring.

Diane Loud shared the article on Mental Health Awareness for May was published in the Dedham Times and the Dedham Patch. Chris Kelly will write the next article to help commemorate June as the LGBTQ pride month to commemorate the Stonewall Riots of June 1969 and the 50th anniversary. Amy Wax LaFont will write the next article for July focused on immigration rights. The board discussed other possible article topics including August might focus on how parents might talk to their children on anti-bullying. Officer Buckley will work on the January focus on Human Trafficking. Margaret Adams will do Hispanic Heritage Month in September. Joe Borsellino will also do October to focus on Italian American heritage.

November 16th is National Kindness Day. Perhaps, we can ask Select Board and the state representative to help make proclamation and promote. Margaret Adams will seek out information on how other towns have proceeded. Joe Borsellino will check with Select Board Member Sarah McDonald on how the town could support the effort.

DedhamHRC@gmail.com is our gmail account and can be used by residents to communicate with HRC.

Joe Borsellino and Amy Hicks will meet to finalize the resource guide prior to next meeting.

Margaret Adams reported that the Board of Library of Trustees is meeting on Monday, June 3rd at 6:30 PM. Location of meeting is uncertain. She will attend to seek out ways we might collaborate.

The HRC discussed the 2020 Census Complete Count Committee Guide materials and how we should support a complete census here in Dedham. Joe Borsellino will reach out to Selectwoman Sarah McDonald to see if this is something the Board of Selectmen and town could support with resources. Diane Loud will research which materials might be appropriate for distribution.

Joe Borsellino shared that he wanted to connect Dedham Human Rights Commission with the Needham Commission for a future meeting.

The Human Rights Commission adjourned at 8:26 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Margaret Adams, Clerk Human Rights Commission