

Dedham Human Rights Commission
June 27, 2022 meeting minutes

HRC members present: Joe Borsellino, Mike Buckley, Jim Kauffman, Diane Barry Preston, Sean Molloy, Diane Loud, Leslie Sattler, Margaret Matthews

HRC members absent: Margaret Adams, Chris Kelly, Victor Hebert, Philjay Solar, Lianna Manos

1. Membership:
 - a. Joe has spoken with Town Manager about our vacancies. He has requested that Sean's membership be extended one year. The other vacancies are for at-large members Lianna Manos and Philjay Solar
 - b. We spoke again about attendance and how difficult it is to make progress with inconsistent attendance

2. Dedham LGBTQ Pride Event:
 - a. Sean and Diane reviewed how it went. It was once again a successful event and there are discussions of how to improve it next year. The planning committee will be meeting later this summer to debrief.
 - b. Next year we need to circulate flyers earlier and continue to strategize about making it more youth-friendly. Youth Commission may be able to help

3. HRC t-shirts:
 - a. Leslie reported that Peter Reynolds made t-shirts with our logo that will hopefully be available in September. These are a gift to the HRC from Dedham churches

4. Dedham Day:
 - a. Leslie is working on a project/projects that would draw people to our table. The group proposed having an activity involving flags---we can have paper with blank flag outlines and kids can color them. They can do flags from different countries/regions or else make one of their own.

5. First Annual Community Picnic:
 - a. Has been approved for August 24th at Endicott Estate (weather back-up at Dedham Middle School)
 - b. Joe donated some funds for music/dance/cultural guests, as did Dedham School of Music
 - c. Diane Barry Preston will get in touch with Mike Welch for assistance with publicity
 - d. We should all circulate the flyers when we get them

6. I Am Dedham:
 - a. Episode with Dedham Police Chief and Dedham Police Officer is up now
 - b. July: Sean will interview some students who participated in Diversity Talks at Dedham High School
 - c. We discussed other ideas (Mary Anne Sliwa re: English Language Learners, Angela @ Dedham Youth Commission)

7. New Business:

- a. Joe continues to get requests for assistance from other towns re: HRCs. Pembroke has disbanded theirs, unfortunately