At the first meeting of the Dedham Human Rights Commission since its former member Diane Loud posted an inappropriate reaction to a community controversy, all members in attendance voted unanimously to strongly disavow her statement. Ms. Loud was not speaking for the HRC when she posted and her post does not represent the values and work of the HRC. We apologize to all of those harmed by Ms. Loud's comments.

The HRC joins the Select Board and Town Manager's offices' encouragement of constructive conversations, healthy debate and legitimate discourse between neighbors and public officials.

We wish all in our town a beautiful winter holiday season and a happy New Year.