



# ATTLEBORO COUNCIL ON HUMAN RIGHTS

## MEETING MINUTES

### MEETING INFORMATION

**Date:** Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**Location:** Zoom virtual meeting

<https://brown.zoom.us/j/98330233732?pwd=RGJEdmM0R0lrNUdUaStyODlwbG5ndz09>

**Time:** 6:30-8pm

**Meeting Type:** Council on Human Rights Monthly Meeting

**Attendees:** ACHR members: Jessica Reagan Salzman, Mac Borgellas, Mary Flaherty, Barbara Clark, Stephanie Gray. Laurie Sawyer, Chairperson. Guests: APL Director Amy Rhilinger, Ashley Stewart, Linda Walker Hill.

Chairperson Laurie Sawyer opened the meeting

- I. **VOTE:** To approve the meeting minutes from the April 21<sup>st</sup> meeting
  - A. **YAY:** Barbara Clark, Mary Flaherty, Laurie Sawyer, Mac Borgellas, Stephanie Gray, Jessica Reagan Salzman
  - B. **NAY:** None
- II. **OLD BUSINESS**
  - A. Neighbors in Dialogue 8: New Ways in Policing Today debrief
  - B. Pride Flag Raising
    - i. June 5<sup>th</sup>, 10am
    - ii. Laurie will create invitation, Barbara offered to send it out, Stephanie will find list from Human Rights Day
    - iii. Need volunteers for organization – Stephanie volunteered to help day-of
    - iv. Outdoors and social distanced
    - v. Stephanie, Jess, and Laurie will meet this weekend to discuss logistics
    - vi. **VOTE:** to hold an annual Pride Flag Raising Day
      1. **YAY:** Jessica Reagan Salzman, Laurie Sawyer, Mac Borgellas, Barbara Clark, Mary Flaherty, Stephanie Gray
      2. **NAY:** None
    - vii. Porch pride discussion – have rainbow flags displayed on porches and share photos to social media
  - C. Housing Concerns Forum

- i. Concept – forum to create space for residents to voice concerns re: housing issues they experience in Attleboro to local officials
  - ii. Guests to invite – Mayor Heroux, Rep Hawkins, Rep Scanlon, Attleboro Housing Authority, Attleboro Self Sustainability Coalition
  - iii. 2-3 more apartment complexes are being built in Attleboro and homes are being built across the city
  - iv. It is the city’s responsibility to negotiate affordable housing units with developers
  - v. Tax credit program?
  - vi. Stephanie, Mac, Mary, and Jess volunteered to develop forum, beginning with a special meeting to discuss before our next monthly meeting in June
  - vii. **VOTE:** to hold a community forum to discuss housing concerns in Attleboro
    - 1. **YAY:** Laurie Sawyer, Stephanie Gray, Mac Borgellas, Mary Flaherty, Barbara Clark, Jessica Reagan Salzman
    - 2. **NAY:** None
- III. NEW BUSINESS
- A. Stephanie’s interview with DoubleACS on white supremacist propaganda debrief
  - B. Wetland protection discussion – public hearing will continue on June 1, 2020
  - C. Juneteenth – Sat, June 19<sup>th</sup> from 11am-4pm
    - i. ACHR will have a table at the event to discuss our work on equity and anti-racism.
    - ii. Rep at table – Laurie, Mac
    - iii. Library will have a table with books available
    - iv. Neighbors in Dialogue? Stephanie will reach out.
  - D. Council member openings – Katherine Lee has applied and her letter of intent has been sent back to Mayor Heroux for consideration.
- IV. Social media update: Mary welcomes any content from members to be posted to social media
- V. Nomination of officers: next month?
- VI. OPEN FORUM
- VII. **VOTE:** to adjourn
- A. **YAY:** Laurie, Sawyer, Jessica Reagan Salzman, Stephanie Gray, Mary Flaherty, Barbara Clark
  - B. **NAY:** None

**ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Laurie will create invite for Pride Flag Raising, Barbara will send out to attendees.
2. Stephanie will supply invite list from Human Rights Day and save it as a template for future events
3. Laurie, Stephanie, and Jess will meet this weekend to discuss logistics for Pride Flag Raising
4. Mac, Mary, Stephanie, and Jess will hold a special meeting to develop housing concerns forum before our next monthly meeting
5. Stephanie will reach out to Neighbors in Dialogue re: table at Juneteenth.

Next meeting: Wednesday, June 16 from 6:30-8pm