



# ATTLEBORO COUNCIL ON HUMAN RIGHTS

## MEETING MINUTES

### MEETING INFORMATION

**Date:** Wednesday, March 17, 2021

**Location:** Zoom virtual meeting

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

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

**Attendees:** ACHR members: Jessica Reagan Salzman, Steve Berdos, Mac Borgellas, Mary Flaherty, Barbara Clark, Stephanie Gray, & Ashley Stewart. Laurie Sawyer, Chairperson. Guests: Patricia Donahue and Jonathan Tavares.

- I. Chairperson Laurie Sawyer opened the meeting
- II. Laurie introduced Patty Donahue, who is looking to start a Council on Human Rights in Rehoboth. Members of the council offered suggestions re: approach.
- III. **VOTE:** Approve minutes from 2/17 monthly meeting and 1/20 minute updates
  - a. YAY: Laurie Sawyer, Stephanie Gray, Mary Flaherty, Mac Borgellas, Jessica Reagan Salzman, Steve Berdos, Barbara Clark
  - b. NAY: none
- IV. OLD BUSINESS
  - a. World Water Day event (3/22) update from Mary
    - i. Steve, Laurie, Mary, Stephanie, Barbara, Mac, and Jess all volunteered to present
    - ii. Guest speakers: Mayor Heroux, Kourtney Wunschel, Laurie Drucker from Keep Attleboro Beautiful, rep from Friends of the Ten Mile and Bucklin Brook
  - b. Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day (4/15) update from Steve
    - i. Guest speakers: US Rep Jake Auchincloss, Superintendent David Sawyer, Mark Mamigonian from the National Center for Armenian Studies, RI State Rep Katherine Kazaraian, and Pulitzer prize winning poet Peter Balakian.
    - ii. Letter of encouragement for President Biden to formally recognize Armenian genocide to be sent
  - c. Pride Flag Raising (6/5?) update from Laurie
    - i. Need to confirm date with mayor
    - ii. Need amplifier – Barbara and Steve may be able to lend one for the event
  - d. Juneteenth (6/19) update from Ashley
    - i. Focus on culture and entertainment

- ii. Ashley will update the council with specific requests for help
- V. NEW BUSINESS
  - a. Anti-Asian racism nationally and locally
  - b. Trans Day of Visibility (3/31) – Peabody Library virtual event
  - c. Neighbors in Dialogue (3/24) – APS presentation of racial demographics of staff/students
  - d. Annual Report meetings (5/1 and 6/26) – shared doc on Google Drive, members can add to it at any time
  - e. SafeUp reached out to Mayor Heroux, who looped Laurie in with the group wanting to set up a community response app in Attleboro designed to keep women safe
  - f. Nomination of officers on the horizon for June
- VI. STANDING AGENDA
  - a. Social media update – Black History Month post debrief
- VII. OPEN FORUM
  - a. Murray Church anti-racism standout Saturday 3/20 from 10-11am
  - b. Introduce Jonathan Tavares, who has expressed interest in the council
  - c. Update from the Attleboro Disability Commission’s ADA transition plan – from Mary
- VIII. VOTE: End meeting
  - a. YAY: Laurie Sawyer, Stephanie Gray, Barbara Clark, Mary Flaherty, Jessica Reagan Salzman, Ashley Stewart

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- I. Mary and Stephanie will work on itinerary for World Water Day
- II. Steve and Stephanie will work on itinerary for Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day
- III. Members are encouraged to add council business to the annual report

Next meeting: Wednesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> from 6:30-8pm