

Town of Guilford
Human Rights Commission
Meeting Minutes
Public Meeting, January 21, 2020
Guilford Town Hall
31 Park Street, Guilford CT
6:30 pm Selectmen's Wing (2nd Floor)

Members Present: Jo Keogh, Chair. Jack Evans, Andy Gottlieb, Maureen Raucci, Clarice Yasuhara

Members Absent: Donna Daniels

Staff Present: Susan Yue, Recording Secretary

Public Attendance: None

Jo Keogh called the meeting to order at 6:40pm.

1.Approval of Minutes:

Jo Keogh made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2019 meeting and Clarice Yasuhara seconded the motion. The minutes were accepted as presented, unanimously.

2.Public Forum: No public comment.

3. Old Business, Outstanding Items & Follow-up:

The recording secretary was introduced at the meeting.

All meeting dates for the Human Rights Commission for 2020 were submitted to Anna Dwyer, Town Clerk.

The Commission's Working Group discussed continuing progress on the Governance Manual.

The Commission discussed assigning readings on issues relating to diversity and discussion of those readings at Commission meetings in order to facilitate self-education for members.

The Commission continued their discussion of defining its mission statement.

4. Other Business

The Commission discussed members attending other Guilford town commission meetings. Clarice Yasuhara will represent the HRC at the next Board of Education meeting.

Jo Keogh discussed the status of the Redmen mascot in Killingly and the proposed legislation that would challenge using Native American mascots in Connecticut.

The Commission discussed the Ct Conference of Municipalities program “How to Run Effective Meetings” to be held on 1/30/20 in East Haddam. Invitation and registration information to be sent to all members.

The Commission has been invited to attend the next West Hartford HRC meeting Feb 4, 2020.

Jo Keogh announced an invitation to the Commission to participate in the inaugural Building Bridges Festival, a diversity festival sponsored by the Peace, Affirmation & Justice committee of the First Congregational Church. The festival is being planned for summer 2020.

5. Adjournment:

Jo Keough made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45pm. Ms. Yasuhara seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Yue;
Recording Secretary