

TOWN OF IPSWICH | MASSACHUSETTS

Ipswich Human Rights Commission

Tuesday, January 24, 7:00 – 8:30PM; Ipswich Town Hall, Conf Room C, Second Floor

Minutes

1. Call to Order CS 7:11pm

- Reading/ Acceptance of 1/10/23 Minutes (please pre-read)
- Attending: SS, NM, JD, DS, HL, CS Absent: AM, CD
- Minutes from 1/10/23, Adjustments acknowledged, HL Move to accept/ all in favor

2. New Business & Follow Up from Last Meeting

- **Bystander Training**
 - **Follow up. (SS/HL)** Community Letter to Editor thanking participants and noting a successful workshop, as well as future opportunities. (HL). Thank you letter to attendees that shared their email addresses. (CW)
 - **Next Steps:** SS to deliver workshop to Ham/Wen (2 sessions live & 1 Zoom) Feedback from Ipswich attendees & Ham/Wen sessions will frame adjustments and improvements for next offered workshop in Ipswich.
 - **Future:** Connect with IHS re teacher workshops, “train the trainer” and content alignment with current curriculum.
- **State Rep James O’Day discussion (DS)** Q&A for LGBTQIA+ Students and other teens confirmed for 2/1/23. Ipswich Library, 3:30pm.
- **Commission Matters (CS)**
 - **Meetings** – state allowed virtual &/or hybrid meetings through March 31. Return to alternating live/ zoom meetings through Mar 31. Beginning Next Meeting, Tues, Feb 7, Zoom meeting. CS motion/ NM 2nd, all in favor. During March meetings teams will discuss cadence of bi-weekly v monthly meetings based on events & other planning.
 - **Headcount** – Note to Town Mgr proposing 9 members & 1 alternate, (as opposed to current 11 members/ 1 alternate). CW to draft & cc Chairs
- **International Rare Disease Day (JD)**
 - Tues Feb 28. Discussion on how team can galvanize an event/gathering at town hill. “Light up for Rare” demonstrated w/ decorative LED lanterns (pink, green, purple, blue). JD to reach out to Kerry Bates for advice/ due diligence.
- **Reckoning In Boston, Ipswich Event, Wed, Feb 15.**
 - SS to call organizers to clarify any loose ends and offer up IHRC support for any facilitating needs. SS willing to participate on the post-film panel, but will be sensitive to representatives already on the docket (NAACP, etc)
- **Black History Month** – HL to draft IHRC flyer re: month long observance and local/surrounding events

3. Jenny Slew Park Proposal

- Jenny Slew was the first slave who sued & won her freedom through trial by jury. Proposal to dedicate plot of Ipswich land in her name issued by Ips Historical society,
- HL moved that the IHRC support the initiative, (many 2ndd) and all in favor. HL will draft a letter stating so to submit to select board.

4. Logo Contest

- Revisit Plan/ Next Meeting, 2/7/2023.

5. Citizen Query None currently

6. Next Meeting Proposed Topics

- Update: Jenny Slew dedication
- Update: International Rare Disease Day
- Update: Reckoning in Boston
- Update: Black Excellence 5K, Lynn, MA; Sunday, April 30, 2023
- Planning: Logo Contest

7. Adjourn: 8:34, Motion CS/ All in favor