

TOWN OF IPSWICH | MASSACHUSETTS

Ipswich Human Rights Commission

Tuesday, February 28, 7:00 – 8:30PM

Virtual Meeting

MINUTES

1. Call to Order, HL 7:05 pm; *Motion: HL/ 2nd CS, all in favor*

- In Attendance: Sharon S, Christina D, DeeDee S., Heather L., Amanda M. Carolyn S (early leave at 7:30 PM)
- Reading/ Acceptance of 1/24 and 2/13 minutes: All in favor, no adjustments

2. New Business and Follow Up from Last Meeting, 7:10 pm

- DD provided a recap of “A Reckoning in Boston” film.
- CD brought up the issue of affordable housing in Ipswich and asked how we could be more involved. DS shared Ipswich’s 3A task force website for review. Will continue to discuss how we can be involved.
- HL provided update on Jenny Slew Park. Next step is to officially name the park and obtain a placard.

3. Juneteenth/Pride Flag, 7:45 pm

- SS to reach out to Juneteenth Assoc. about purchasing a flag through them.
- Discussed purchasing flags and asking Mr. Crane to hang them versus advising the town to obtain one and hang one.
- Discussion expanded into a talk around several points of guidance we would like to provide to the town. Group agreed to further address this next meeting. Guidance could include things like: response to incidents of hate, recognition flags, DEI training for town staff. HL created brainstorm doc so we can all add to it before next meeting. starting brainstorm doc for June guidance departments: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1F-DM8bSBKYpUZDWquTbzJ5N4R-ytDqBYHF5Yd4MbmbU/edit?usp=sharing>

5. Logo Contest, 8:15 pm

- Will offer a prize to the winner and commission members can ask businesses in the community to donate prizes (Little Wolf, Zumi’s, etc.)

6. Next Meeting – 3/7 7:00 PM

- Compose guidance for town around issues of recognition flags (Pride, Juneteenth), response to incidents of hate, DEI training for town employees, etc.

7. Adjourn 8:28; *Motion: HL motion/ 2nd DS, all in favor*
