

TOWN OF IPSWICH | MASSACHUSETTS

Ipswich Human Rights Commission

Tuesday, May 16, 2023: 7:00 – 8:30PM; Ipswich Town Hall; Conference Rm C/ 2nd Floor

Minutes

1. Call to Order

- Minutes: 4/25/23; W/ name spelling correction. CW Motion to Accept, D. Schiano 2nd ...all in favor
- Attendance: S. Schiffer, C. Donehew, H. Leonard, D. Schiano, J. Duff, C. Sweeney Absent: N. Mazer, A. Markos

2. New Business

- June Term limits and upcoming member dates
 - SS & CD to submit for re-appointment
- IHRC 5K – update, discussion & vote
 - Review notes from S.Crane, M. Gallagher & Chief Nikas Mtg
 - Team Vote on Date: CS Motion/ DS 2nd for Date: 10/1/23, Location: EBSCO, Start/Finish Line; All in Favor
 - Next Steps
 - Town Mgt – Approval of EBSCO Location booking
 - Chief Nikas – CS to Review Route & Safety needs
 - Team – Vote on Name of Event
 - Additional Project Planning spreadsheet here:
[Project Timeline - Ips HRC 5K](#)
- Implicit/ Unconscious Bias Team Workshop
 - SS to define/ identify objective of Team Workshop & review at next meeting
 - Need to understand how a team workshop will follow Open Meeting Law
- Ipswich Pride; Rebecca Pugh – June 2 Friday Evening/ Family Beach Event & IHRC as Co-Sponsor
 - HL Motion to Participate as a team, CS 2nd, All in favor
- June Pride, and Juneteenth IHRC reflection
 - HL to Draft “Community Events” flyer similar to LY for “June” Observations
 - Follow Up w/ Mary G on status of Flag Policy – & communication w/ S. Crane regarding late breaking news
 - CS to share link to “Flag” offers online; Amazon, & other locations (maybe local offers)

3. Follow Up Topics & Updates from 4/25 Meeting

- Town Meeting Update
 - Attended by HL & DS, very pleased with logical POV's by both sides of the issue, and the overall outcome
 - Presentation by Zeke Allman extremely articulate & proud of his efforts/presentation
- Select Board Meeting Update
 - Unanimous vote “yeah” on Jenny Slew Park & moving forward
 - Next steps: Collaboration regarding formal opening/ timing/ event parameters, etc
- Housing Authority/ Affordable Housing Meeting Update
 - Very productive and well attended meeting
 - Habitat for Humanity rep on hand discussing varied town projects & Affordable Housing Ipswich focuses
- Status on IHRC openings
 - SS to send suggested interview topic matter to Town Mgr
- IHRC Logo Contest – timing
 - Flyer: [IHRC 2023 Logo Contest](#)
 - CS: To IHS/IMS Art Teachers, Wk of 5/21-27 / DS: To Teen Librarian, Wk of 5/5/14-5/20
 - Town Paper - ASAP

4. Ips HRC Workshop Brainstorm – TABLED to Future Meeting given adjusted priorities

5. Citizen Query – None currently

6. Next Meeting Agenda Intentions

- Decide Meeting Cadence for Q3/ Summer
- Review 5K Planning & possible Sub-Comm permissions
 - Event Name – time sensitive, Teams for Donor Solicitation, Race Facilitation

7. Adjourn: Motion/ CW, 2nd/ SS ; All in Favor