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HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES - JANUARY 23RD 2023 (DRAFT)

Purpose: To promote human rights, personal dignity, and positive relations between all residents and visitors to the Town of Maynard.

Meeting Date: Monday January 23rd 2023, 7pm

Location: Zoom

Members Present:

Michael Noble (Police Chief)
Eliot Prisby (Chair Pro-Tempore)

Guests:

Diya Arun
Maggie Day

MINUTES

I. Call to Order & Land Acknowledgment

- Meeting called to order at 7:03pm. Land acknowledgement by Mr. Prisby.

II. Approval of Minutes (November 7th 2022)

- November 7th 2022 minutes approved unanimously.

III. Public Comment & Community Concerns (3 minutes per speaker)

- Ms. Day commented that she was excited at the prospect of Ms. Arun's membership on the committee, and emphasized the importance of having the voices of young people and people of color on the Committee.
- Ms. Arun introduced herself to the Committee and explained her background and her interest in the Committee.

IV. Old Business

- Quarterly Immigration Report (Chief Noble)

- Chief Noble provided the quarterly immigration report. There was one enquiry from ICE regarding a detained immigrant, but they had already been released by the time ICE followed up.

- **Follow up regarding conversations with Megan Zammuto re. town social worker (Chief Noble)**
 - An additional social worker was hired by Eliot Community Human Services, allowing Emily Black to allocate more time and energy to Maynard. Ms. Zammuto stated the town would prefer to allocate its resources to a nurse for the Board of Health. Given this information, the Committee has decided that pursuing a town social worker is best tabled at this time.

V. New Business

- **Discuss HRC goals for 2023/follow up to December 6th 2022 Select Board meeting:**
 - The Committee's present primary concern is filling all its vacancies. The Committee discussed hosting its own separate website from the town website, but given that the town website is being redone, the Committee will wait to see how functional the new town website is before committing to build their own. Mr. Prisby emphasized the importance of reaching people who do not use the Internet as their primary source of information. It is unlikely the Committee could get funding for a postcard mailing, so Mr. Prisby will design a poster advertising the committee. Possible locations for distribution include (but are not limited to) the library, the schools, bulletin boards around town, businesses, apartment complexes, Open Table, and the Council on Aging.
 - The Committee discussed an event calendar. Mr. Prisby will work on developing a calendar.
 - The Committee discussed more guest speakers like it had in 2020 and 2021; Mr. Prisby will start reaching out to potential speakers once the calendar is developed.

VI. Set Next Meeting Date and Adjourn

- The Committee agreed that Mr. Prisby would continue as Chair Pro-Tempore until more vacancies are filled.
- The Committee agreed to return to monthly meetings the third Monday of each month. The next meeting was set for February 27th, 2023.
- The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Prisby at 7:54pm and seconded by Chief Noble.