

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

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

Meeting Date: January 13th, 2020

Location: Room 101, 195 Main Street, Maynard, MA 01754

Members Present:

Kathleen Fitzgerald (Co-Chair)

Caroline Mahiti

Michael Noble

Eliot Prisby (Clerk)

Rachel Tryba (Co-Chair)

Guests:

Maggie Day

Laura Rótolo (ACLU)

- I. CALL TO ORDER
 - A. Called to order by Ms. Fitzgerald at 7:03pm.
 - B. Land Acknowledgment by Ms. Fitzgerald.
 - C. Conflict of Interest Policy reviewed by Ms. Fitzgerald.
 1. Members should hand in acknowledgment of receipt of Conflict of Interest training and certification by February 3rd 2020.
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - A. Approval of December 2019 minutes motioned by Ms. Fitzgerald, seconded by Mr. Noble.
- III. PUBLIC COMMENTS
 - A. Ms. Day wanted to check on the status of the Committee's Land Acknowledgment.
- IV. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. Mr. Prisby reached out to Larry Mann and Cheryl Toney Holley, members of the Nipmuc Nation. Mr. Mann is an educator, Ms. Holley is the chief of the Hassanamisco band of the Nipmuc Nation. Ms. Holley forwarded Mr. Prisby's e-mail to local Nipmuc Nation members who may be interested in helping the Committee to craft its land acknowledgment. Mr. Prisby also reached out to

Kristen Wyman, another member of the Nipmuc Nation, and is waiting to hear back.

- B. Ms. Fitzgerald contacted several Maynard clergy members in the interest of getting them to join the Committee, she has not heard back from anyone yet.
- C. Mr. Prisby offered to contact Father Adriano Natalino from the St. Bridget's Brazilian congregation.

V. DISCUSSION

A. Review Immigration and Documentation policy of the Maynard Police Department, pertinent to the purpose of the Committee or as discussed at the Special Town Meeting held October 28, 2019. Guest: Laura Rótolo (American Civil Liberties Union)

1. Last meeting, Mr. Noble handed out copies of the Maynard Police Department's proposed immigration policy, which members reviewed.
2. The committee addressed the discrepancies between the proposed welcoming policy from the October 28th Special Town Meeting and the proposed police policy. Specifically, they addressed Sections C, D, and E of "Recommendations," as well as the "Reporting" proposal. Mr. Noble stated that the Police Department would be able to agree to the proposals if some conditions were met. Several conditions were discussed, including cases of public safety and imminent threat. The group also discussed a simpler proposal for the reporting policy.
3. Ms. Rótolo will make adjustments to the policy including changes from the Committee's discussion and present them to Committee members by the end of January.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Next meeting set for Monday March 2nd 2020, 7-8:30pm.

VII. ADJOURN

A. Ms. Fitzgerald motioned to adjourn at 8:14pm. Mr. Prisby seconded.