

May 17, 2021 7:30pm

GoToMeeting | Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
4 So. Eagleville Road, Mansfield, CT

MINUTES

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Daggett, Mitoma, Vaughan, Lapuk, Fried

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 26, 2021

Minutes were approved on consensus.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. Updates on Outreach Opportunities

Dr. Mitoma discussed the upcoming meeting of human rights commissions from around the state that is planned for June and organized by the Hamden HRC and invited members to consider if they would attend and what materials might need to be prepared.

The commission heard Ms. Chatey's proposals for how to circulate the upcoming human rights survey. They discussed opportunities to spread the word through flyers, social media, and the news. The possibility of working with E.O. Smith to circulate the survey among students was also discussed. Members also planned to hand out flyers at various locations and events in town, including at the Senior Center on Fridays.

B. Discussion of Future Meeting Times

It was agreed by consensus to move the meeting dates and times to the third Wednesday of the Month at 6:00 pm.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Community Conversations Proposal – Jane Fried, Vice Chair

Ms. Fried summarized her proposal for a community conversations event based on what she observed in Suffield. The programs were run by the town library, and the topics centered around diversity in all its forms. These programs were speeches with moderated Q&As from town members. She hopes to run this program next winter to early spring via Zoom, mimicking the structure of the Suffield event. She pointed out that based on the results of the survey, the commission can decide on specific topics in diversity that the town needs to consider. Funding of the series was discussed.

Opportunities to mark Juneteenth and Pride Month were briefly discussed.

6. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

None

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 pm.