

TOWN OF NEWINGTON
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

Zoom Meeting

2/16/2021 - Minutes

1. Call To Order

Attendees: Suzanne Dobkins, Jayne Boulay, Phyllis DiCara, Liza Andrews, Mitch Paige, Jamella Abrahams, Carol LaBrecque, James Krupienski

Absent: Roberta Byron-Kolej, Teri Dippolito, Babara Wiley

2. Approval Of Minutes

No Quorum at last meeting- no minutes to approve.

Minutes for this meeting 2-16-21 submitted by Jayne Boulay.

3. Review Of Officers- Election & Appointment Of Members

James explained that board members who have not attended >than a year could be removed and replaced.

Jayne expresses her desire to resign from the chairperson's position. Liza Andrews was elected to assume the chairperson's position. Jayne will serve as secretary.

4. Report From Jay Tulin Re Statewide Effort

Jayne read an email from Jay Tulin, chair of the Farmington Hman Relations Commission. He reached out to see if Newington HRC would be interested in a forum with other commissions to discuss Human Rights in CT. We voted on participating. Jayne will forward Liza's contact info to Jay. The meeting will be held sometime in March and Liza will attend.

5. Discussion On Activities

Jayne presented information from the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving for opportunities in Newington. (www.hfpg.org/newingtonct) this could potentially be an opportunity for a non-profit to receive funds to start a program promoting Human Rights.

6. Human Services Report

Food Bank continues to assist approx 150 household each month with curbside & deliveries.

Youth programs are be offered in the spring in-person on Wednesdays and family day opportunities on Saturdays.

Financial donations are always welcome and allow the department to assist the community with specific hardship needs such as rent, utilities, medical costs.

7. Other Business

none

8. Public Participation

none

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.