

BROOKLINE COMMISSION FOR WOMEN
MONTHLY MEETING
MINUTES
JANUARY 3, 2019 AT 7:15PM
Brookline Department of Public Health, Health Department Library, 2nd Floor
11 Pierce Street, Brookline, MA 02445

Commissioners:

- ❑ Chris Chanyasulkit, Co-Chair
- ❑ Casey Hatchett, Co-Chair
- ❑ Cheryl Snyder, Treasurer
- ❑ Ginny Vaz
- ❑ Rita McNally
- ❑ Sonal Jhaveri

1. Public Comment Period (7:15pm – 7:30pm)
 - a. A number of members of the public were in attendance: Jane Piercy, Nicole McClelland, and Isshane Leckey.
 - b. Jane Piercy (Town Meeting Member, Precinct 2) spoke about the fake clinics that currently operate and the work that happens at the Brookline Women’s Health Service clinic, which serves about 2,000 women a year. Fake clinics outnumber clinics in a 3:1 ratio. Their March 2019 forum is called “The Bad Ole Days” on what life was like before Roe v. Wade. The clinic also has a monthly lunch program. There is a large lobby day on January 17, 2019 at the State House. Jane welcomes any volunteers to their Women’s Health Service clinic.
 - c. Nicole McClelland (Town Meeting Member)
 - d. Isshane Leckey (Lawrence School parent): spoke about the identity efforts of DICE at the Lawrence School and in particular, the recent initiative on filming immigrant stories.
2. Approval of Minutes from the October 2018 and November 2018 meeting
 - a. October 2018 and November 2018 minutes were unanimously approved.
3. Continued discussion of future initiatives and programming:
 - a. BCW Clothing Drive: Dec. 7th and 8th (recap):
 - i. Coats were collected and brought to Dress for Success.
 - ii. Coats were also collected and delivered to families in the Brookline Housing Authority.
 - b. Other Programming:
 - i. Women Who Inspire Us: Commissioner Casey Hatchett will chair the event again and has begun preparations (room reservation, date selection, etc.).
4. Executive Board Positions: Again, we have a vacancy for the Secretary position and are happy to take nominations.

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5. New Business:

- a. Commissioner Rita McNally for the upcoming Brookline town-wide MLK celebration at the Coolidge Theater on January 21, 2019 & the John Wilson program on January 27, 2019.
- b. Commissioners Cheryl Snyder and Rita McNally asked for thoughts on finding short-term housing for domestic violence victims. Commissioners brainstormed regarding the logistics for this and Commissioners Snyder and McNally will continue to discuss this with the Brookline Domestic Violence Roundtable.

6. Adjourned at 9:28pm.

Next Meeting: *Please note that we will now typically meet on the first Thursday of every month (unless notified in advance of a schedule change) at the Brookline Health Department Library (2nd floor) at 7:15pm. Please check the town calendar for meeting notices and locations.



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