

## AGENDA

### I. (7 pm) Administrative details:

#### a. Welcome – meeting started at

attendees: Ms. Stillman, Ms. Caro, Ms. Stone, Ms. Kaushik, Ms. Garodia, Ms. Margulis, and Ms. Lee. Administrator: Ms. Starr. Absentees: Ms. Silver Robinson, Ms. McClelland and Dr. Chie.

#### b. Vote to approve minutes from meeting of Dec, 2022 – amended minutes moved by Ms. Caro, seconded by Ms. Garodia

One minute of silence to honor Ms. Silver Robinson’s mother’s death.

#### c. Coat Drive update – Ms. Silver Robinson requested to postpone this year’s coat drive. All BCW commissioners agreed upon this.

II. (7:10 pm) Public Comment – no members of the public, Ms. Starr stated that the pay equity study had been sent to the Town Administer and they had not appealed or said anything about this yet. Agenda for Feb – video on the Paid equity report

### III. (7:15 pm) Updates on working groups / subcommittees

#### a. Planning for Woman/Women of the Year Celebration

i. Remote v. In-person – Ms. Stone put into motion that this even be held remote due to the rise in covid cases. Seconded by Ms. Caro. All commissioners were in favor for remote. We will state award up to 3 this year.

ii. Dates – it will be on one Wednesdays in March, March 22 is the first day Ramadan, strong suggestion for March 29<sup>th</sup>, which will give the BCW more time to prepare for this event. The Commission agreed to March 29<sup>th</sup> for the remote celebration event.

iii. Other logistics – Working Group members: Ms. Stillman, Ms. Stone, Ms. Garodia, Ms. Kaushik and Ms. Silver Robinson is the working group. Ms. Stillman will work on generating the QR links and prepare Qualtrics in the next week.

### IV. (7:45 pm) Discussion of and setting calendar for meeting day/time for 2023 meetings (noting that we must shift to partial in-person by March 31, 2023.

Need to find a space / room to have partial / hybrid meetings – all meeting spaces in town are set up to do the hybrid meetings. Ms. Starr will look into the spaces – Denny room, or the School Committee room.

Tuesday Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 7pm Next BCW meeting. If Ms. Silver Robinson is available for Wednesdays, meeting will be switch to Wednesday Feb 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

### V. (7:55 pm) Old & New Business

Reproductive Rights working group: expanded to involve more community members

FDA approved Mifepristone, abortion medication, be carried in all pharmacies.

There is a new law in MA, all Masshealth 12 months of post-partum care covered

Possible Warrant Article being put in place.

The next working group meeting is on Sunday 1/15 5pm-6pm, any member of the BCW is/are welcomed to the meeting.

Ms. Garodia inquired for an update on the progress on sex education curriculum in schools. Val Frias on the School Committee is committed to this curriculum and on a sub-committee that talks about this issue. She suggested that BCW bring forth the topic to her sub-committee instead of going through the Policy change subcommittee or the Curriculum change subcommittee. Ms.

Stillman recommend that BCW invites Val Frias to one of the BCW meetings to talk more about this.

Meeting ended at 8:08pm.

Please note that listed times are approximate