

BROOKLINE COMMISSION FOR WOMEN
MONTHLY MEETING
MINUTES
BROOKLINE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, HEALTH DEPT. LIBRARY, 2ND FL
11 PIERCE STREET, BROOKLINE, MA 02445
MARCH 7, 2019 AT 7:15PM

Commissioners in attendance:

- ❑ Chris Chanyasulkit, Chair
- ❑ Cheryl Snyder, Treasurer
- ❑ Rita McNally
- ❑ Nicole McClelland
- ❑ Grace Watson
- ❑ Ginny Vas
- ❑ Jennifer Goldsmith
- ❑ Sonal Jhaveri
- ❑ Dr. Gloria Rudisch

1. Call to order, followed by introductions, at 7:20pm by Chris Chanyasulkit
2. Public Comment Period
 - a. Rebecca Stone joined us to discuss an upcoming warrant article to be discussed at the May 2019 Town Meeting re: Free Menstrual Hygiene Products. She has asked for the Commission's support.
3. Approval of Minutes from the February 7, 2019 meeting – unanimously approved
4. Continued discussion of future initiatives and programming
 - a. March 21, 2019 Women Who Inspire Us Event – Chris ran through the final details & logistical tasks for the WWIU Event. The Commissioners then discussed the nominations for Woman of the Year. The Commissioners voted unanimously to name Lihua Shorter the BCW 2019 Woman of the Year.
5. Commissioner Appointments
 - a. The Commission welcomed new Commissioner Nicole McClelland, who has been interviewed by the Select Board
 - b. Chris announced the resignation earlier in March of Co-Chair Casey Hatchett after 15 years on the Commission
 - c. Chris announced that Rebecca Stone has an interview scheduled with the Select Board re: her application to join the Commission
 - d. A brief discussion followed re: recruitment for open positions on the Commission
6. New Business
 - a. Rita requested a discussion at the April meeting re: Domestic Violence Forum

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- b. A discussion / vote is necessary at a future meeting re: support of the warrant article described by Rebecca Stone (see above)
 - c. We will also discuss future joint events in April, for example, perhaps a showing of the *Period* movie with the Coolidge Theatre
 - d. Cheryl reminded Commissioners of the Secretary position, which has been unfilled for nearly a year now. Jennifer Goldsmith offered to fill the position. A vote will be necessary, as multiple Commissioners needed to leave the meeting and a vote was not taken.
7. Adjourn – Chris officially adjourned the meeting at 8:45pm.

Next Meeting: *Please note that we 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. The next meeting will be April 4, 2019.



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