

BROOKLINE COMMISSION FOR WOMEN
MONTHLY MEETING
MINUTES
BROOKLINE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, HEALTH DEPT. LIBRARY, 2ND FL
11 PIERCE STREET, BROOKLINE, MA 02445
APRIL 4, 2019 AT 7:15PM

Commissioners in attendance:

- ❑ Cheryl Snyder, Treasurer
- ❑ Jennifer Goldsmith
- ❑ Nicole McClelland
- ❑ Grace Watson

1. Call to order, followed by introductions, at 7:26pm by Cheryl Snyder
2. Public Comment Period
 - a. Greer Hardwicke appeared to discuss plans for establishing a Brookline Women's Heritage Trail. She has asked for the Commission's support – possibly a letter of support – and agreed to come back to present updates as the project takes shape.
3. Approval of Minutes from March 7, 2019 meeting – no quorum for a vote
4. Continued discussion of planned initiatives and programming
 - a. **March 21, 2019 Women Who Inspire Us Event** – All agreed the event was yet another success, as in past years. Jen noted the difference in participation rates between various schools, and wants to improve PR to extend our reach. In light of recent resignations, Cheryl suggested creation of an outline of the WWIU event process, while fresh in everyone's minds. Jen agreed to start drafting bullet points of the process, which we can all add to.
 - b. The Commission will not pursue an event re: the *Period* movie at this time.
5. In Rita's absence, Cheryl described the Domestic Violence Roundtable in general terms. In future meetings Rita, Co-Facilitator for the DV Roundtable, will discuss specific joint activities for the BCW and DVR to work on together.
6. Commissioner Appointments/Reappointments/Resignations:
 - a. The Commission welcomed (again) new Commissioner Nicole McClelland, who has been officially appointed by the Select Board
 - b. Cheryl confirmed the resignation of Co-Chair Chris Chanyasulkit after 13 years on the Commission. Additionally, Ginny Vaz has resigned from the Commission.
 - c. Both Rita McNally & Sonal Jhaveri have decided not to reapply as Commissioners; but both have agreed to serve until they are replaced.
 - d. Rebecca Stone has been interviewed by the Select Board re: her application to join the Commission, but could not attend the April mtg.

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- e. In light of the recent resignations over the last few months, Cheryl has agreed to continue serving as Treasurer; she has put her reappointment on hold for now.
 - f. Due to lack of quorum, no vote was held re: open Executive positions. Cheryl noted that requests/reminders for Commissioners to fill or take over Executive positions have been made in 8 of the last 12 meetings.
 - g. A discussion followed re: recruitment for open positions on the Commission. Diversity is highly desired. Cheryl will remain in touch with the Select Board Office to ensure interviews, appointments, and reappointments are timely.
 - h. The group also reviewed Article 3.9 of the Town Bylaws, which discuss the Commission; sections 3.9.4 & 3.9.5 re: membership & elections. Commissioners agreed further discussion of term limits & succession plans is needed.
7. New Business
- a. Cheryl noted that a public hearing is required to discuss / vote on the Warrant Article presented by Rebecca Stone in March. She will attempt to schedule for the May meeting.
8. Adjourn – Cheryl officially adjourned the meeting at 8:20pm.

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 May 2, 2019.



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