

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

Commissioners in
attendance:

Cheryl Snyder,
Treasurer
Rebecca Stone
Jennifer Goldsmith
Nicole McClelland
Sonal Jhaveri

1. Call to order at 7:19pm by Cheryl
Snyder

2. Public Hearing – WA 20: menstrual hygiene products warrant
article:

a. After discussion of the warrant article led by Rebecca Stone, a vote was
taken and the Commissioners voted unanimously to support WA20

3. Approval of Minutes from March & April 2019
meetings:

a. The Minutes from March 7, 2019 were
approved b. The Minutes from April 4, 2019
were approved

4. Domestic Violence
Roundtable:

a. In Rita's absence, Cheryl briefly discussed potential joint activities,
including:

- i. Support new series of BIG Safety Net?
- ii. Share a table @ Brookline Day?
- iii. Co-Sponsor Jennifer Lynch event in October? (DV Month)
- iv. Equal Pay Forum?
- v. Day Care Affordability?

5. Appointments/Reappointments/Resignations:

- a. Welcome new Commissioner Rebecca Stone, who has been officially appointed by the Select Board
- b. Commissioner Grace Watson has been reappointed by the Select Board
- c. Rebecca mentioned that she has spoken to several people about the Commission, and is hopeful that one or more will apply
- d. Jen Goldsmith updated the Commission regarding a Town Meeting Member survey town meeting member satisfaction. Notably satisfaction was highest among men over 60 and 70 and consistently lower among women at all ages except over 70. Also notably the most significant opportunity for improvement identified was the need for increased diversity within Town meeting reflecting age, race, gender, economic status.

6. New Business:

- a. A vote was taken and **future meetings will begin @ 7:00pm**
- b. Cheryl shared various upcoming events, including:
 - i. May 5 – 3 Mile Walk to benefit Brookline Thrives/Food Pantry
 - ii. May 21 – Women’s Advocacy Day @ the MA State House
 - iii. May 22 – Story Tellers event @ Puppet Showplace
 - iv. June – LGBTQ Pride Month

7. Adjourn – Cheryl officially adjourned the meeting at 8:30pm

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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 7:00pm**. Please check the town calendar for meeting notices and locations. The next meeting will be June 6, 2019.

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