

BROOKLINE COMMISSION FOR WOMEN
Meeting Wednesday, November 8, 2023
(Online via Zoom)

MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Elizabeth Stillman, Rebecca Stone, Julia Kazan, Carol Caro, Aileen Lee, Neela Kaushik, Prashanthi, Cynthia Levay-Arnstein

Also Present: Caitlin Starr (staff) and Rachel Tam

Commissioners Absent: Hadassah Margolis, Meenakshi Garodia, Lucy Chie

Meeting convened at: 7:03pm

1. Israel Conflict tabled as there has not yet been a town wide response/statement.
2. Re-organization: School Subsidy of equity and inclusion which included menstrual access by law. Rebecca is following up with Val Frias about supplying the schools
3. Carol is monitoring products in the library: she spoke to the admin no products, Kirrane pool and locker rooms aren't filled. It should be filled by custodial staff. Products for the entire year are ordered at the same time for public restrooms. Should be an annual thing. Select board is in charge of this. Administrator Chaz Carry is the person we should go to and fix it. The Brookline Commission for Women will all informally check in public bathrooms in town to confirm if every facility has feminine care products.
4. Rebecca will attend the fall town meeting: Article 8: to reclassify payroll director which came underneath the department head. Raising a tier of role to address the issue of staffing. Julia will get the data on Women businesses in Brookline.

Updates

5. Woman of the Year: ask for nominations -up to 3 honorees. Showcase women owned businesses: settled on date: March 20. 10-15 minute segment interview. Could be a hybrid event. We should have a display table for businesses. Highlight women. We should be able to get BIG to cover. . Action: Rebecca will help with logistics and setting up the event. equity. Election of Officers for Fiscal Year 2023 (see voting chart below) Julia: will get data on Women owned businesses in Brookline businesses in Brookline and will use Brookline's Chamber of Commerce and ZoomInfo - mainly Chamber of Commerce. Will start planning

and taking action in January. Volunteers for the event: Rebecca, Liz, Cynthia, Julia and possibly Meenakshi everyone in the small group.that was created.

6. I Am Bill: Letter looks good generally. Act for Healthy Youth Passed in the Senate. Prashanthi: add consent in the language of the Act should be included and emphasized.

Next meeting: December 6th at 7:00 PM EST.

5. Old & New Business
No Old & new business

Meeting adjourned at: 8:07pm

Next Meeting date and time: December at 7pm.

Location: On Zoom