

Laconia Human Relations
Regular Monthly Meeting
February 14, 2022
3:30PM – 5:00
City Hall Rm 200A also via Zoom

Agenda

Welcome and Roll Call

Review and Acceptance of January 10, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Old Business

- MLK letter

New Business

- Facebook management
- Laconia Multicultural Festival
- 10 Ways to Fight Hate
 - <https://www.splcenter.org/20170814/ten-ways-fight-hate-community-response-guide>
- Community Engagement
- Budget Request
- Other business
- Next Meeting Room 200A, Monday March 14, 2022, at 3:30pm also via Zoom

Public Comment –

The public is invited to offer their opinions. Initially, they will be limited to four minutes until all have had an opportunity to speak. Each person is constrained to their time period or to ask questions of the committee. Everyone is expected to speak respectfully.

If on Zoom, the public will be visible but muted until unmuted by the chair. Members of the public wishing to speak will use the “raise hand” option.

Note: The meeting will also be held online through Zoom and will begin at 3:30pm although people are encouraged check in early. Contact David Stamps, 387-4382 or email at dbstamps@dbstamps.com if you are having trouble connecting.

You are invited to a Zoom webinar.
Topic: Human Relations Commission

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

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A More Perfect Union

“We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.” – *Preamble to the U.S. Constitution*

The Preamble contains five ingredients for developing a more perfect union:

- establishing justice,
- insuring domestic tranquility,
- defense,
- general welfare,
- and liberty.

Too often of late, the talk is all about liberty as though the other five goals were of diminished importance. When in fact Liberty requires equal justice for all, domestic tranquility, common defense and support for our general welfare.

The combined purpose of the Preamble and indeed the whole Constitution was to establish a social contract with rights and obligations of people individually and collectively. This was not the first social contract written by the Europeans settling in the New World. The Mayflower Compact, written and signed on board in 1620, was thought crucial to the survivability of Plymouth Colony. The State of New Hampshire also has a Constitution that is a living social contract

A subcommittee of the Laconia Human Relations Committee is developing this series of short essays, **A More Perfect Union**, to explore our social contracts, how they are working or not working and how they might be made more perfect.

Currently the essay topics are:

Introduction to the series – David

#1 – What does freedom mean? - Pat

#2 – What gives legitimacy to democracy? – Carol

#3 – Whose at the table? – Matt

#4 – Right to know our history – Trish

#5 – What are these freedoms? - Pat

#6 – Freedom of the Press? -

#7 – What does it take to have a functioning society/community – David