

# Laconia Human Relations Committee

## June 13, 2022 - Meeting Minutes

### I. CALL TO ORDER

David Stamps welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Laconia Human Relations Committee. Committee member roll call was taken, a quorum was established, and the meeting was called to order at 3:33pm.

### II. ATTENDANCE

Present – Mayor Andrew Hosmer, Chair David Stamps, Carol Pierce, Rev. Judith Wright, Matt Soza, David Osman, Trish Weatherbee, Kay Anderson and Carrie Chandler

Present via Zoom – none

Excused – Janet Simons, Kate Bruchacova, Pat Wood, Seifu Ragassa

### III. OLD BUSINESS

Minutes Approval – **A motion was made by David Osman, seconded by Carol Pierce, to accept the minutes of the May 9, 2022 Laconia Human Relations Committee; with no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.**

Laconia Multi-Cultural Day --- September 10<sup>th</sup>

- Becky Guyer is hard organizing entertainment, vendors and sponsors
  - Several \$1000 level sponsors
- Mayor Hosmer will ask for additional funds for this event – the budget process has started
  - Cost has doubled
  - Late start due to COVID
- Invite Becky to September Laconia Human Relations Committee meeting to debrief immediately following the event
  - those working the Multi-Cultural Festival to take notes for discussion / additions to manual that Becky is developing

Democracy Articles

- 2 articles have been submitted to the Daily Sun
- Sub-committee will meet again to finalize 3<sup>rd</sup> article for publication

### IV. NEW BUSINESS

NH Humanities Council presented a program “Towards a More Perfect Union”

- Carol and Trish attended
- Josh Tepley – excellent presenter, provided talking point cards regarding citizenship
  - After articles are published – invite Josh to facilitate a “Does Truth Matter?” discussion in October

- **Motion to invite Josh Tepley to facilitate a future public conversation was made by Rev. Judith Wright, seconded by Mayor Andrew Hosmer, with no further discussion, motion approved unanimously.**
- Carol will extend an invitation

#### The Better Argument Project

- Shawn Cavanaugh facilitated a discussion at the Belknap Mill
- A follow up discussion will be planned

#### Laconia Human Relations Table at Multi-Cultural Festival

- Have printed articles available
- Offer a game to engage community

#### Pride Flag

- Trish Weatherbee will draft a letter of thanks and support in response to recent letter to editor about the lack of a Pride Flag at City Hall in support of LGBTQ Community
- Personal funds by committee members were given in support
- **Carrie Chandler made a motion to pursue a Pride Flag at City Hall, Rev. Judith Wright seconded the motion, with no further discussion a unanimous vote passed.**
- Mayor Hosmer will follow up with the city.

Hot Weather Shelter – Matt Soza suggested a summer cooling/hydration station to provide relief for the homeless and persons without home air conditioning. The Mayor will explore this idea.

#### **V. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There was no one present for public comment.

#### **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

**Meeting was adjourned by Chair David Stamps at 4:50p.**

***Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 11, 2022, 3:30p, City Hall Room 200A and via zoom invite.***

Respectfully Submitted,

Carrie Chandler,  
Recording Secretary