



**BARNSTABLE COUNTY  
HUMAN RIGHTS ADVISORY COMMISSION**

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**BC-HRAC Minutes  
Monday, June 3, 2019  
5:30 – 7:30 PM**

**East Wing Room, County Complex, Rte 6A, Barnstable village**

**Commissioners:**

- \*Alan Milsted, Chair
- \*Kate Epperly, Vice Chair
- \*John Hanlon
- \*Patricia Oshman
- \*David Schropfer
- \*Paul Thompson

**Members of former Town Representation Council:**

- \*Theresa Santos
- Dominique Rapoza,
- Pastor Brenda Haywood
- Alyssa Sidal
- Gail Wilson
- Pat Armstrong

**BC Assembly of Delegates Liaison:**

- \*Brian O'Malley, Provincetown

\* Indicates those present for the meeting.

The meeting was **called to order** at 5:33pm

1. Call to Order, welcome, and introductions, including new Assembly of Delegates liaison member, Brian O'Malley.
2. Delegate O'Malley described the process that brought the establishment of the Human Rights Advisory Commission (CC-HRAC) through Barnstable County Ordinance 19-10. All persons who were current Commissioners of the CC-Human Rights Commission (HRC) were, if they wished, automatically appointed as members of the HRAC as per Ordinance 19-10.
3. Election of Chair: D. Schropfer nominated A. Milsted for Chair, K. Epperly seconded. Elected unanimously by all present and voting.
4. Election of Vice Chair: D. Schropfer nominated K. Epperly, A. Milsted seconded. Elected unanimously by all present and voting.
5. The chair described the role of Town Representatives as having the rights to attend and speak at all meetings of the HRAC. Members of the former Town Representation Council will be given first opportunity to apply to become an HRAC Commissioner.
6. The chair briefed the members on the selection progress for Coordinator.
7. Commissioner's nominations: the HRAC has three remaining Commissioner positions to be filled. The chair indicated we will reach out to Town and Tribe Representatives who remain with an invitation to be interviewed for a position as Commissioner.

8. The pattern of meetings will continue to be first Mondays of the month with these exceptions: No July meeting; August 12, at 5:30pm; and September 9 instead of September 2 (Labor Day holiday).

9. Malcolm McDowell award for 2019: The criteria for the college assistance award is to select a senior graduating student who has worked with the HRAC Academy or our predecessor organization for a minimum of two years. **The award is currently \$300.** A letter of recommendation is requested, and an acceptance letter to a college of their choice. A suggestion was made by Commissioner Epperly, that Mrs. McDowell be contacted to determine if in this transition year, with so much verbal abuse coming from elected officials, that a college graduating senior from Nauset High School, who demanded a BC Commissioner to step down. He is Benten Niggle, who also set up a Go Fund Me plan to distribute socks during winter weekends in impoverished Hyannis neighborhoods, be awarded the full amount because he had the courage to speak out in a Barnstable County Regional Commission public meeting criticizing the hurtful and inaccurate public Tweet messages against LGBTQ elected officials sent by Commissioner Ronald Beaty. Commissioner Epperly will contact Mrs. McDowell and provide a clip of the video covering that request. It is expected that the Friends will again sponsor this year's McDowell award (**\$300**). Commissioners P. Thompson and P. Oshman will confirm this.

10. Public Comment: No visitors were present. Dr. O'Malley noted the Human Rights Day events at Provincetown School are scheduled for October 24, 2019.

11. New Business. No discussion.

12. No Executive Session. No discussion.

Due too early departures, a quorum was lost and the chair ended the meeting at 6:45pm.

A workshop on Town communications was briefly discussed including how to encourage Towns to become more involved in the HRAC's activities. Items to be considered at a future meeting include:

- Letter to Towns recruiting representatives and awareness of our programs.

- Press release

- Town visits by HRAC members.

- Presentation to the Assembly.

- Guest on radio programs such as Mindy Todd.

**Next meetings:** No July meeting. Next is Monday, August 12, 2019, 5:30 pm, County Complex (East Wing Room).

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Schropfer

BC-HRAC Commissioner