

**Needham Human Rights Committee
Agenda
February 16, 7:30pm
Highland Room, Needham Town Hall
Recorder: Kerry**

The Town of Needham's Human Rights Committee strives to reaffirm the worth and dignity of every human being. The diversity of our community is embraced and celebrated through the promotion of good will and respect for all.

1. Approval of Minutes from January 19, 2017 meeting
2. Public participation
3. Report on meeting with Town Manager and Members of the Board of Selectmen & discussion of goals for the remainder of the 2016-2017 NHRC session
Action items: Vote on whether to use subcommittee structure, determine subcommittee membership
4. Old Business
 - Update about Rep. Garlick's Coalition
 - Update about Human Trafficking event (Marlene, Abdul & JoAnne)
March 9, 2017, 7:30-9:00pm, Powers Hall
Action needed: what still needs to be done?
 - Follow-up forum on Islam update & collaboration with the library (Marlene, Abdul, & Ashok)
Understanding the ISIS Threat and how fighting the threat impacts human rights?
May 9, 2017, 7:00-8:30pm, Center at the Heights
Dr. Craig Considine
Action needed: what still needs to be done?
 - Report from Witness to Justice Events
 - Update and discussion about possible future actions regarding an elementary school's handling of complaint of racial insensitivity/incident (Marlene)
5. New Business
 - Report from fact gathering meeting with Needham residents regarding concerns related to cultural proficiency in Needham schools. (Barry, Cynthia, & Jen)
Action needed: will we conduct more follow up with schools? who will work on this issue?
 - Request from International Institute of New England to co-sponsor Refugee Storytelling event to raise money for IINE's refugee resettlement programming (Cynthia)
6. Reports

- Town Issues
- Needham Schools (Matt)

7. Announcements

Next meeting: Thursday, March 16, 2017, 7:30-9:00pm
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