

**Needham Human Rights Committee
Agenda
September 14, 2017 7:30pm
Highland Room, Needham Town Hall
Recorder: needed**

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 May 18 and June 15, 2017 meetings
2. Public participation
3. Old Business
 - NHRC 2017 committee elections
 - Update about community potluck dinners
 - Summer book read in collaboration with the Needham Library: *In the Country We Love*, Diane Guerrero (Ashok)
Action items: Do we want to attend the same discussion date or host our own just for NHRC? Library looking for assistant facilitators Sept 24 at 2PM and Sept 26 at 7:30 PM.
 - Framingham based immigration legal team (Cynthia)
 - Committee membership (Jennifer)
5. New Business
 - NHRC 2017 subcommittees:
 - Program planning: Marlene, Amelia, Ashok, Abdul, Cynthia
 - Schools: Jen, Matt
 - Outreach/PR/data collecting: Kerry, Amelia, Jen, Marlene, Bud
 - Program ideas for 2017-2018
 - DACA response
 - What are children learning about human rights through the media in the Trump era?
 - Human rights and mental health
 - New England Innocence Project: case study Sean Ellis
 - Understanding/dismantling racism workshop series
 - NHRC at the 10/7 Harvest Fair?
6. Reports
 - Needham Public Schools (Dr. Gutekanst)
 - Town Issues (Lt. Kraemer)
 - Needham High School (Matt)
 - Massachusetts Association of Human Rights Committees (Jennifer)

7. Announcements

Next meeting: Thursday, October 19, 2017, 7:30-9:00pm

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2017-2018 NHRC meeting dates

October 19

November 16

December 21

January 18

February 15

March 15

April 26

May 17

June 21