

**Needham Human Rights Committee
Agenda
March 16, 2017 7:30pm
Highland Room, Needham Town Hall
Recorder: Amelia**

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 February 16, 2017 meeting
2. Public participation
3. Old Business
 - Update about Rep. Garlick's Coalition (Jen)
 - Follow-up forum on Islam update & collaboration with the library (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?
Publicity ideas?
 - Report from Witness to Justice follow up meeting (Cynthia & Barry)
 - Report from second fact gathering meeting with Needham residents regarding concerns related to cultural proficiency in Needham schools. (Barry, Cynthia, Amelia & Jen)

Letter from Dr. Gutekanst and article in Boston Globe
<http://www.bostonglobe.com/metro/2017/02/27/schools-push-back-against-trump-transgender-immigration-stances/vFifsaAin68khUzv0fv4eK/story.html>
 - Request from International Institute of New England to co-sponsor Refugee Storytelling event to raise money for IINE's refugee resettlement programming (Cynthia & Amelia)
Update from Town Hall
Action item: will the NHRC co-sponsor this event June 22, 2017
5. New Business
 - Book club/discussion on Chuck Collin's book, Born on Third Base, in conjunction with World of Wellesley April 11, 2017 event
Action item: does anyone else want to go?
6. Reports
 - Update about Human Trafficking event (Abdul)
 - Town Issues
 - Needham Schools (Matt)
7. Announcements

**Next meeting: Thursday, April 27, 2017, 7:30-9:00pm
Highland Room Town Hall Recorder: NEEDED!**