

**Needham Human Rights Committee
Agenda
March 15, 2018 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 February 15, 2018 meetings 7:30-7:35
2. Public participation 7:35-7:45
3. Old Business
 - Jim Hirsch event: Race, Sports, & Protest in America 7:45-7:50
Monday, April 9, 7-9pm at Eliot
NDI needs bottled water, packaged cookies & help with publicity
 - "Diversity and Discussion" book group with the Library 7:50-8:00
Could anyone lead June 21 book discussion?
 - Proposal to use gender neutral language for Board of Selectmen 8:00-8:10
Report on public hearing, follow up needed?
 - Pollard STA Day, Thursday, April 12, 8-11am 8:10-8:15
update
5. New Business
 - Follow up event to January Inter-racial Potluck Dinner 8:15-8:30
Community response/discussion about the NPS Equity Audit
Does NHRC want to co-sponsor? Who will help plan?
 - Possible fall 2018 event with Progressive Needham focused on the rights of Transgender people
Focus possibly on November referendum looking to repeal 2016 law protecting transgender residents in public places
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5. Reports 8:40-9:00
 - Membership update
 - Town Issues (Lt. Kraemer)
 - Needham Public Schools
 - Needham High School (Matt)
- . **Announcements**
 - Collaborative discussion group focused on Boston Globe Spotlight on Race series

Mar. 27 7pm at Congregational Church

- Diversity book club dates and books: May 24: "The Hate U Give" by Angie Thomas
June 21 "Underground Railroad" by Colin Whitehead

Next meeting: Thursday, March 15, 2018, 7:30-9:00pm

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2017-2018 NHRC meeting dates

April 26	Recorder: Abdul Cader Asmal
May 17	Recorder: Mary Fitton
June 21	Recorder: Bud Schram