

**Needham Human Rights Committee
Agenda
April 26, 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. Welcome to new NHRC members Julie Venables and Christina Matthews!
2. Approval of Minutes from February 15, 2018, March 15, 2018 meetings
3. Public participation
4. Old Business
 - "Diversity and Discussion" book group with the Library
May 24 meeting: The Hate U Give, Angie Thomas
7:30-9pm Community Room in the Library
June 21 meeting: Underground Railroad, Colson Whitehead
Needham Diversity Initiative, Gretchen Cook-Anderson leading discussion
7:30-9pm Community Room in the Library
Do we want to change NHRC meeting June 21 meeting date?
 - Proposal to use gender neutral language for Board of Selectmen
Report on public hearing, follow up needed? Public Hearing, publicity for Town Meeting
 - Community Conversation on Race, Equity and Inclusion/Potluck
May 6, 5:30-7:30 at First Parish
Please attend if possible.
 - 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
Does NHRC want to co-sponsor? Who will help plan?
5. New Business
 - Representation on NPS Committee: Portrait of a Needham Graduate --Ashok
 - May meeting: planning for next year
 - NHRC elections & leadership
6. Reports
 - Race, Sports, & Protest event
 - Pollard STA Day—thank you!
 - Membership update
 - Town Issues (Lt. Kraemer)

- Needham Public Schools
- Needham High School (Matt)

Announcements

Next meeting: Thursday, May 17, 2018, 7:30-9:00pm

Highland Room Town Hall

2017-2018 NHRC meeting dates

May 17	Recorder: NEEDED
June 21	Recorder: Bud Schram