

**Needham Human Rights Committee
Agenda
September 20, 2018 7:30pm
Highland Room, Town Hall
Recorder: Marlene Schultz**

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 June 21, 2018 meeting.
2. Public participation
3. Old Business
 - Representation on NPS Committee: Portrait of a Needham Graduate (Ashok)
 - Needham Freedom Team
 - Is this something NHRC would like to pursue? Who is willing to take some leadership in exploring what this might be and reporting back to the Committee to decide future steps, if any?*
 - Needham Race Equity Access Leadership (REAL) team update (Jen)
4. New Business
 - Community conversation on protecting rights of Transgender individuals in MA (Jen & Cynthia)
October 22 coalition event: Sarah McBride
Vote on whether this is something we want to continue to support?
Reaching out to Selectboard for statement
 - Next Potluck Discussion Dinner: October 21, 2018 (Marlene & Christina)
What does NHRC need to contribute?
 - Diversity and Discussion Book group: (Jen)
September 26: w/Pollard Middle School, Refugee by Alan Grantz
October 11: Tomorrow Will Be Different by Sarah McBride. Discussion leader: Needham Coalition for Transgender Rights
January 10, 2019: Blood at the Root by Patrick Phillips. Discussion leader: Needham Diversity Initiative
March 14 or April 11: Refugee by Alan Gratz. Discussion leader: Needham Human Rights Committee
May 9: Evicted by Matthew Desmond. Discussion leader: TBD
Do we want to try and do Refugee again in the spring? Another book?
 - Needham Diversity Summit (Ameila & Cynthia)
Is NHRC able to contribute?
 - Ideas for 2018-2019 programming
5. Reports

- Town Issues (Lt. Kraemer)
- Needham Public Schools
- Needham High School (Jared)

Announcements

Dates for next year's meetings:

October 18
November 15
December 20
January 17

February 28
March 21
April 25
May 16
June 20

Recorder Sign Up

September 20 Marlene

October 18 Christina

November 15 Cynthia

December 20 Ashok

January 17 Julie

February 28 Christina

March 21 Abdul Cader

April 25 Amelia

May 16 Jared

June 20 Kerry