

**Needham Human Rights Committee
Agenda
January, 7:30pm
Highland Room, Needham Town Hall
Recorder: Matt**

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 meetings on December 8, 2016 and December 15, 2016
2. Public participation (10 minutes)
3. Old Business
 - Update on concern previously raised about an elementary school's handling of a complaint of racial insensitivity (Marlene)
 - Human Trafficking program update (Abdul, Marlene & Jo-Anne)
Event will take place Thursday, March 9, NHRC is co-sponsor.
 - What do we need to do?
 - Follow up forum on Islam Collaboration with the Needham Public Library (Marlene, Abdul & Ashok)
Meeting January 24, 2017, 7:30pm, 3rd floor Needham Library
New lead for a speaker: Needham High Alum, Dr. Craig Considine
4. New Business
 - Needham Witness for Justice Coalition events (Barry & Cynthia)
 - Friday, January 20, 3-4pm, Town Common: Witness for Justice Vigil
 - Sunday, January 29, 1-3pm, First Parish UU Church: Empowerment Fair
Can anyone attend/participate?
 - Planning for NHRC 2017
Use of committees
Setting goals for the year
Opportunities for professional development for committee members
5. Reports
 - Report from MLK event
 - Statement by the Board of Selectmen & Guest editorial in Needham Times (Jen)
 - Refugee Resettlement Consortium update (Amelia & Cynthia)
 - Needham Schools (Matt)
 - Town Issues (Lt. Kraemer)
6. Announcements

**Next meeting: Thursday, February 16, 2017, 7:30-9:00pm Highland Room Town Hall
Recorder: Kerry Hurwitch**