

**Needham Human Rights Committee
Agenda
February 15, 2018 7:30pm
Highland Room, Needham Town Hall
Recorder: Kerry**

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 December 21, 2017 and January 18, 2018 meetings 7:30-7:35
2. Public participation 7:35-7:45
3. Special Guest: Marianne Cooley, Board of Selectmen Chair 7:45-8:15
 - A. NHRC quick action and Open Meeting Law compliance
 - B. Proposal to use gender inclusive language to describe Needham Board of Selectmen
4. Old Business
 - Jim Hirsch event: Race, Sports, & Protest in America 8:15-8:20
Vote whether to co-sponsor Diversity Initiative event in April 2018
5. New Business
 - Racial Justice book group with the Library 8:20-8:25
 - Statement/proposal to use gender neutral language for the Needham Board of Selectmen 8:25-8:35
 - Pollard STA Day, Thursday, April 12, 8-11am 8:35-8:40
Decide who will plan & present
5. Reports 8:40-9:00
 - Membership update
 - Subcommittee Reports
 - Programming: report on Diane Levin event
 - Town Issues (Lt. Kraemer)
 - Needham High School (Matt)
 - One Day workshops
 - Community Interracial potluck dinner recap
- . **Announcements**
 - Collaborative discussion group focused on Boston Globe Spotlight on Race series
Dates: Feb. 27 7pm at First Baptist, 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

March 15

April 26

May 17

June 21