

Hull No Place for Hate Committee: Meeting Notes

Date	11 December, 2023	
Location	Wellspring	
Type	Regular meeting	
Call to Order	6:31 PM, Paula Nesoff, Acting Chair	
Committee members present	Paula Nesoff, Acting Chair Rhoda Kanet, Vice Chair Pam Wolfe, Treasurer, December Clerk Celia Nolan Sandie Baler-Segal Deb Bayer Deb Greenstein Gabriel Ben-Yosef Laurie Girdharry Paula Nesoff Steve Greenberg Éva Das (alternate) Jim Ianiri (alternate)	
Committee members not present	Val Carlson, Chair Meryl Johnson (alternate)	
Liaisons		
Guests	Invited	Public

Quorum met.

1. Welcome/Land Acknowledgement /Attendance

Land acknowledgement by Acting Chair P Nesoff.

2. Approve Minutes From November 16 and November 28, 2023

Motion to Approve Minutes of November 11, 2023 as submitted made by D Bayer and seconded by D Greenstein, passed, unanimously by voice vote.

Motion to approve Minutes of November 28, 2023, as submitted made by S Greenberg and seconded by D Bayer, passed, unanimously by voice vote.

3. Treasurer’s Report

Funds from the old, inactive account discovered by the Town Accountant were added to the active No Place for Hate account. No further update was given.

Action: P Wolfe will deposit newly received funds from the sale of lawn signs with the town Treasurer.

4. Rotating Roles - Clerk Position Open

C Nolan explained the duties of the Clerk, which focus on the preparation and submission of the meeting minutes. Minutes are drafted, reviewed by the committee, revised (if needed) and submitted after committee approval to the town Clerk's office.

Action:

1. P Wolfe volunteered to be the December Clerk. R Kanet will take them in January.
2. P Nesoff will bring a roster of members (G Ben-Yosef, excepted) with suggested monthly assignments to the next meeting.

5. Working Group Updates

Martin Luther King Day Event - D Bayer discussed the work of the Martin Luther King Day (MLK Day) Planning subcommittee. The subcommittee planned the event; the process for requesting endorsements of community organizations, and informational materials to use for promotion. The program will include collecting food and other donations to Wellspring, poetry reading, a slideshow on Dr. King's *Letter from a Birmingham Jail*, and speakers.

D Bayer presented the slideshow they prepared that will run on a continuous loop during the MLK Day event. Members agreed by unanimous consent to take out the first sentence on slide #8.

The subcommittee also prepared a draft poster and a letter of request to be used by members seeking endorsement of the event from community organizations. The slideshow was approved, as revised, and the materials were endorsed, with several minor edits, enthusiastically, by unanimous consent.

Bayer reviewed the list of 18 community organizations* to be contacted and invited to endorse the MLK Day celebration. Members will ask for endorsements, for the use of the organization's logo and for help distributing our flyer to their members. The process for outreach to community organizations was discussed and agreed on. Responses are due to D Bayer by December 18th. Questions from organizations should be directed to Chairman V Carlson. C Nolan will make versions for posting on our website and social media.

Action: Members will seek endorsements from community groups for the MLK Day Event. Deadline for announcement and promotion of the event will follow.

Feast of Conversations - P Wolfe reported that there has been no activity for this event yet. The planning subcommittee will have its first meeting after the MLK Day event. The subcommittee includes: S Baler-Segal, R Kanet, É Das, S Greenberg, L Girdharri, and P Wolfe. The Feast will be at the Nantasket Resort on April 21, 2024.

Take a Stand in the Sand - Nolan reported that this subcommittee will begin planning after MLK Day. Members include: C Nolan, P Nesoff, D Bayer, D Greenstein, G Ben-Yoseff, S Greenberg, and É Das.

*Community organizations for contacting include: Wellspring, Anchor, Friends of the Carousel, Chamber of Commerce, Hull Lifesaving Museum, Friends of the Hull Public Library, Hull Artists, Land Trust, Weir

River Watershed Association, Hull Garden Club, Hull Pride, Rotary, United Church of Christ, Lions, Knights of Columbus, New American Legion Post 140, Senior Center, and Hull Selectboard.

6. MAPC Grant Application

D Bayer reported that there has been no new communication with MAPC about the grant application.

7. Any Other Business

Revision of the NPFH Website Text - P Wolfe suggested the committee revise and update the NPFH Website text. Members approved by unanimous consent.

Action: P Nesoff, C Nolan and P Wolfe will make suggestions for this update and bring them to the committee for review and approval.

Fundraising Subcommittee - P Nesoff proposed future action to create a standing committee for fundraising. This subcommittee would help the committee raise funds to support its activities. Members approved by unanimous consent.

Action: The topic will be added to the next committee meeting agenda.

Letter from Concerned Resident - Acting Chair P Nesoff spoke for the committee and extended to R Kanet our deep sorrow that her family is exposed to the inhumane conditions of the Israel/Hamas war. She said that we wish them continued safety and security and that there will soon be true and lasting peace.

Nesoff asked for member's suggestions for the committee's next steps regarding the letter** from the Hull resident concerned that our statement on the Israeli/Hamas war was biased towards Israel and ignored the Palestinian people. Nesoff suggested that we invite the writer to our next NPFH meeting so that we can listen to and discuss her concerns. Members approved by unanimous consent.

Action: Chair V Carlson will contact the letter's author to invite her to the next NPFH meeting, assuring her that we are a safe space and a place for open communication.

All items in this section of the minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

** It is the only comment received by 12/11/23 on the NPFH Statement statement.

Announcements -

1. There will be a Menorah Lighting Ceremony, Wednesday at 4:00 PM at the Gazebo.
2. There is a South Shore Unity Council meeting 1/8/2024. Baler-Segal will attend.
3. Hingham Unity Council is sponsoring a presentation and discussion led by ???? on Extremism in Social Media on Tuesday evening in Hingham Town Hall auditorium. All are invited to attend.

Closing

The next regular Committee meeting will be Monday, January 22, 2024, 6:30pm, at Wellspring.

Motion to adjourn - A motion to adjourn was made by S Greenberg and seconded by D Bayer.

Motion passed by unanimous consent.
Meeting adjourned at 7:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted by P Wolfe, December Clerk