

**Human Rights Commission Meeting
Thursday, December 17, 2015
6:30PM, Bangs Community Center**

Agenda

Opening/Welcome

Agenda Review/Additions

Minutes from November meeting – review and approve

Old Business

- New Committee Membership Update- prospective member invited - Brenda Mutai
- FY15/16 Activities Update- Report on Human Rights Day Dec 10; Dec 5 co-sponsorship with Amnesty Intl (Charity/Bascomb)
- Retreat Discussion follow up (Bascomb)
- Invite ARMS middle school students to January meeting-task assigned to _____
- FY 17 budget- proposed continuation of \$1,500 for activities (Radway)

New Business

- Request from Chad Fuller, Liaison to Citizens For Race Amity Now to co-sponsor an event for Black History Month *The organization seeks to develop dialogues and friendships cross racially. We are not about confrontational advocacy. We were instrumental in a Governors Proclamation for the Year 2015 the original document of which resides at town hall. We have had 3 bills (die in committee) over the years in attempts to establish racial amity day throughout the Commonwealth, Another accomplishment was initiating aid to an effort that we spun off to others for school racial issues.*
- MLK Breakfast- January 16. Commission may attend and sit at Town Table and may exhibit a booth. If you want to attend, tell Jen/Deb by January 1.

Chair's Report

- Funding from Florence Savings Bank through a voting system. Are we able to “promote” HRC? Conversations continue with TD Bank.

Member Reports

- Coordination of the Affirmative Action Policy Review (AAPR). Potential student intern to work on the AAPR. *M. Charity*
- Research for Affirmative Action Policy in similar towns.
- Commission Film Series: *Ingrid and Jessica*

Any topic that the chair did not reasonably anticipate 48 hours before the meeting

January meeting:

Amherst Regional Middle School Students request changing the name of Columbus Day