

**Town of West Hartford
Human Rights Commission
Mission Statement**

“The West Hartford Human Rights Commission fosters mutual understanding and respect among people, and encourages equality of treatment of all people, regardless of race, color, religious creed, sex, sexual orientation, civil union status, gender identity or expression, marital status, familial status, genetic information, age, economic status, lawful source of income, national origin or ancestry, or present or past history of physical, mental, intellectual or learning disability including, but not limited to blindness.”

**Town of West Hartford
Human Rights Commission
Special Meeting
West Hartford Town Hall
7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, October 23, 2018
Room 405**

Minutes

Attendance

Krishna Adhikari	Present
Judith Borden	Present
Pramod Prahan, Administrative Liaison	Present
Sarah Raskin, Secretary	Present
Judith Wyman, Co-Chair	Present
Barry Walters, Co-Chair	Present
Denise Jackson-Riley	Present
Brian Greenleaf	Present

This was a special meeting called to discuss Marriage Equality Day and the Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights special events.

There were two guests and three students present.

The meeting was called to order by Judy Wyman at 7:05 pm.

1. The Marriage Equality Resolution was discussed. The 10 year anniversary of marriage equality is November 12. The idea was brought from the Town Council for the Human Rights Commission to create a celebration in honor of that day. It was agreed that we draft a proclamation for the Mayor establishing November 12 as Marriage Equality Day. In addition a rainbow flag will be raised on the Town Green. It was agreed to use the Philadelphia version which has black and brown stripes, in keeping with a sense of inclusivity. On the same day, the Veteran’s Day celebration will be at Town Hall. Since we did not want to compete with that celebration our celebration will be on Goodman Green. Denise moved, Barry seconded, and the vote was

unanimous to hold the ceremony that morning with a reading of the proclamation and a flag raising.

2. We discussed the upcoming celebration of 70 years of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Judy Wyman and Sarah Raskin gave an update on speakers and entertainment. It was agreed that speakers/participants could be from outside of West Hartford if no local speakers were available for a topic. It was agreed that Native American right should be included. Current topics include racial justice, immigrant rights, the memory stones project, and Native American rights. Cheryl Greenberg will speak on historical aspects of Human Rights. It was also agreed that we invite local groups working on human rights issues to have tables as part of a reception before the official ceremony begins. Judy Wyman will reach out to local schools to get artwork and poetry from students. We also will have photo frames at the libraries to promote people taking a stand for human rights.

The meeting was concluded at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah A. Raskin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S'.

Sarah Raskin
October 31, 2018