

***Town of Hamden Human Rights and Relations Commission***  
**Minutes of the meeting of**  
**February 11, 2016**

**Attendance:** Davis Lee Asbery, Tracy Bowens, Michelle Forte, Aissa Lugo, Gniyu S. Mimiko

**Absent:** Wanda Anderson Harris, Martha Walker

**Call to Order:** Chairman Asbery opened the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

Mr. Bowens motioned to add review of minutes to the agenda, seconded by Mr. Mimiko. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

Review of Minutes of the meeting of January 14, 2016 – Mr. Mimiko motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of January with the correction of Ms. to Mr. on page three under New Business referring to Mr. Asbery. The motion is seconded by Ms. Forte. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

**Public Media Comments on Agenda Items** – nothing at this time.

**Old Business:**

- a. Review of Current Project – Chairman Asbery discussed the filming of the Selma event to take place March 11, 2016 with a snow date of March 18, 2016. This will be held in the Legislative Council Chamber Memorial Town Hall. A flyer will be created and recruiting help from the students getting the word out along with local media, and posting on the web site will be beneficial. A pamphlet will be created to be provided at the event to those attending outlining the agenda. Beverages and snacks will be provided. The Commission will contact various town departments for help in organizing what is needed for this event.

“Journey to the N Word” - After a review of the materials the consensus is there isn’t enough formative information for the students to understand. The Commission will advise Mr. Frank Harris from Southern CT State University of their decision not to participate in this event.

- b. Future Projects – The Commission discussed briefly participating in the Earth Day event and in the fall the Brooksvale Fall Festival. These will be discussed at a future meeting.

**New Business:**

Chairman Asbery inquired if anyone had a “twitter account” and maybe the Commission should consider having one. Also he proposed a “drop box” for their emails and other information. Chairman Asbery mentioned the “Remote Meeting” materials and that he has additional points for the Commission to review to make a decision. He will send the information to everyone by email for review to be discussed at a future meeting.

**Executive Session, if requested** – not at this time.

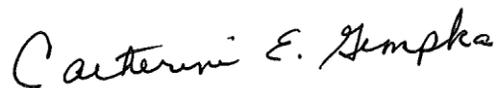
**Next Meeting: March 10, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.**

*The next meeting will be Thursday March 10, 2016 7:00 p.m. the Third Floor Conference Room, Hamden Government Center Hamden CT.*

**Adjournment:**

At 7:55 p.m. Mr. Mimiko motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Bowens. ***The motion passed unanimously.***

Recorded by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Catherine E. Gempka".

Catherine E. Gempka  
Substitute Clerk