



# Town of Ashland

## MASSACHUSETTS

MetroWest Commission on the Status of Women

Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, September 7, 2022

7:00 PM-8:30 PM

Via Zoom

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### Opening of the Meeting

Approval of Meeting Minutes for: 6/2

### Chairs Update

A. Updates from the State Commission

1. Currently working on a project with the state Commission on data related to incarcerated women
2. Reviewing Policies and Procedures for Commissioners – making sure our info is on the state database regarding agendas, minutes, etc.

### General Business Discussion

- A. Our next MetroWest READ Event – Heather to update us
- B. Debrief on our Title IX event from Lisa
- C. Voices Against Violence Walk on September 17th Thoughts on fielding a team, hosting a table and what handouts we would need if we do host a table.

### Communications

- A. Update from Nasiba on what how it is going and what we can do to help her
- B. 'Getting to Know the MW Commissioners' (Model after the Athena Council?) Where are we at on this?

### Legislative

- A. Update from Lindsey and Julie – what bills we supported moved forward. What can we still do, if anything, on others?

### Athena Council (Rachel and Jean)



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- A. Recruitment of New Members – we have four applicants. Info on next steps to interview and appoint new members from Rachel and Jean and Mia

### **New Business**

- A. ‘CommuniTeas’—Suggestions for Our First ‘Tea’ date and location?
- B. Domestic Violence Committee— discuss a topic and date and logistics for a September event
- C. Set dates for meetings for the rest of this year – all in person (Oct., Nov., Dec.)

### **Old and New Business: A Conversation**

- A. An open discussion about the year. What worked, what didn’t? How can we be more engaged with one another and with our constituents? Where do we go from here? Aspirations?
- B. Open discussion on any topic from Commissioners

### **Adjourn**

Commissioners: Heather Panahi (Co-Chair), Stephanie Deeley (Co- Chair), Leslie Smart (Vice-Chair), Lisa MacDonald (Secretary), Jean Bertschmann, Rachel Niemiec, Lindsey Galvao, Nasiba Mannan, Julie Watt Faqir, Deirdre Belger (Athena Council Student Leader)