

RESOLUTION #2017-26 OF DURHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

AMENDING RESOLUTION #2013-14 TO CHANGE THE MEMBERSHIP COMPOSITION ON THE DURHAM HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

WHEREAS, on June 3, 2013, the Durham Town Council adopted Resolution #2013-14 supporting the equality of all individuals to obtain employment, access to all places of public accommodation, and to obtain housing, without regard to actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression; and

WHEREAS, on June 17, 2017, the Durham Human Rights Commission adopted bylaws outlining the Commission's purpose (affirmed by the Town Council) as follows:

The purpose of the Commission is to take steps to give effect to the rights of every inhabitant of the Town of Durham to equal economic, political and educational opportunity, to equal accommodations in all business establishments in the Town and to equal service and protection by public agencies; to eliminate prejudice and discrimination because of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, ancestry, place of birth, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, domestic partner status, marital status, disability or Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, HIV status, weight, height, or association with members of such classes; to inform the inhabitants of the Town of Durham with regard to developments in human relations; to provide advice and assistance to the officers, agencies, boards, departments, and employees of the Town in undertaking ameliorative practices to keep peace and good order; and to officially encourage private persons and groups to promote and provide equal opportunity for and good will toward all people. And;

WHEREAS, Resolution #2013-14 also established a Durham Human Rights Commission consisting of the Council Chair, Administrator, and Business Manager with the Administrator serving as the designated liaison between the Town and the LGBT community; and

WHEREAS, the Durham Human Rights Commission desires to change the membership on the Commission to allow for a UNH representative and two citizen representatives; and

WHEREAS, at its meeting on September 6, 2017, the Durham Human Rights Commission voted to increase its membership from three (3) to five (5) members and to remove the Business Manager from the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Durham Human Rights Commission presented its suggested amendments to the Town Council for consideration on September 18, 2017; and

WHEREAS, at the September 18, 2017 Town Council meeting the Council voted to keep the current membership and increase the number from three (3) to five (5) by adding two citizens whom are residents of Durham;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Durham Town Council, the governing body of the Town of Durham, New Hampshire does hereby adopt Resolution #2017-26 amending Resolution #2013-14 to increase membership on the Human Rights Commission from three (3) to five (5) with the composition to be as follows: **the Administrator, the Town Council Chair, the Business Manager, and two (2) citizens whom are residents of Durham.**

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 2nd day of October, 2017 by a majority vote of the Durham Town Council with Nine (9) affirmative votes, Zero (0) negative votes, and Zero (0) abstentions.

Katherine Marple, Chair
Durham Town Council

ATTEST:

Lorrie L. Pitt, Town Clerk-Tax Collector