



Human Rights Commission Meeting

Thursday, September 18, 2025 at 11:00 AM

Agenda

ACCESS INFORMATION:

- A. This meeting will be held on Thursday, September 18th, 2025 at 11:00 AM. Location: ZOOM ONLY
 - B. The Public may join the virtual meeting online: <https://watertown-ma.zoom.us/j/89398228319>
 - C. Public may comment through email: dnewton@watertown-ma.gov
 - D. Please visit the Human Rights Commission website here: <https://www.watertown-ma.gov/1195/Human-Rights-Commission>
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- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Roll Call
- 3. Acceptance of Minutes
 - A. Minutes for August 14th and September 4th
- 4. Discussion
 - A. General update on outreach and sign-ups
 - B. Review/sign-off on questions for interviews and focus groups
 - C. Proposed timeline for report
 - D. Next steps and meeting date
- 5. Discussion of HRC Budget Expenditure for Indigenous People's Day Celebration
 - A. World in Watertown Flier
- 6. Public Comment
- 7. Adjournment

Timeline and Deliverable:

- **November 10th:** Liz P. presents and facilitates dialogue at WHRC Need Assessment Working Session (In Person Monday November 10th 6:00-7:00pm): Liz shares key emerging themes; takes questions and reactions; and generates input on potential nuance behind the emerging findings or further questions the emerging findings elicit. **This is an opportunity for meaning-making of the data with key community.**
- **By Friday, December 5th:** **Draft Report Due:** Liz completes an almost final draft report (3-5 page memo) and submits it to the WHRC subcommittee in time for the subcommittee to draw from it for National Human Rights day on Wednesday December 10th.
- **By Thursday December 11th:** WHRC Subcommittee members submit any questions and clarifications on the report to Liz P.
- **By Friday December 19th:** **Final report from Liz is due to subcommittee.** Final day for Liz as a consultant on this project.

Watertown Celebrates Indigenous Peoples Day

Sunday, October 12, 2025

12:00 to 3:30 PM

Hosmer Elementary School
1 Concord Road, Watertown, MA

FREE ADMISSION

Maria Hendricks, Assonet & Mashpee Wampanoag, MC

12:00 - 3:00 **Wampwheels Food Truck:** Indigenous food by DaTanya, *Mashpee Wampanoag*

1:00 - 2:00 **Wampanoag Nation Singers and Dancers, Wampanoag**

2:00 - 2:30 **Teddy Hendricks, Mashpee Wampanoag & Nipmuc, Storyteller**

2:30 - 3:30 Special Sneak Preview: **Watertown Indigenous History Storymap**

12:00 - 1:00 & 2:30 - 3:30

Darius Coombs, Mashpee Wampanoag, demonstrating wampum creation

Elenor Coombs, Mashpee Wampanoag, creating corn husk dolls

Gianni Hendricks, Mashpee Wampanoag & Nipmuc, face painting

Indigenous crafts and arts: **Claudia Fox Tree, Arawak-Taino iukaieke Guainia, Leslie Tuplin, First Nation Mik Maq-Lennox Island - PEI, Linda Coombs, Aquinnah Wampanoag, Up the Creek Traders, Cindy Shelley**

Books by and about Indigenous people: **Belmont Bookstore**

Bookmobile: **Watertown Free Public Library**

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