

# February 2025 Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 12, 2025 6:30 PM



## CAMBRIDGE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

### **Meeting Details:**

**Date:** February 12, 2025 at 6:30PM

**Location:** Cambridge City Hall, 2nd Floor Conference Room

### **Meeting Minutes:**

#### *Agenda*

1. Events & Programmatic Updates
2. New Business

#### *Summary*

- Girls Sports Night update: 140 girls participated from approximately 100 families, four new sports this year (wrestling, golf, tennis, and volleyball), representation from all Cambridge schools K-8. After the event a survey was sent to the registered families with a 40% response rate. The event received a 4.5/5 star rating. There is a possibility of expanding the Cambridge Girls in Sports program events through PB funding.
- "Players For Prevention: A Community Pledge" where boys' varsity basketball teams from CRLS and Lincoln-Sudbury participated in a workshop delivered by the Domestic and Gender-Based Violence Prevention Initiative (DGBVPI), Transition House, and our commissioner, Caitlin Dube. The workshop centered peer-leadership to address gender-based violence prevention. Players wrote a pledge to stand against gender-based violence. Right before the game between the two teams, they publicly stated their pledge to the community. Other sports teams want to adopt this to support raising awareness and preventing gender-based violence. TIA, the Title IX advocacy group will be receiving a MA State award; young people are empowered to create change.
- Sex Trafficking Stakeholders Meeting update: two of the seven identified focus areas were discussed further: HEAT training for CPD and other community partners and youth/prevention. Currently working with CPD and HEAT to arrange an introductory presentation ideally leading to more formalized CDP trainings and expand CPD's relationships with organizations supporting sex trafficking survivors.
- Review of Domestic and Sexual Violence 101, a training the Domestic and Gender-Based Violence Prevention Initiative created to develop skills and understanding on supporting and responding to survivors in a informed way. Explained the various laws and legal actions for survivors, local experts in the field presented throughout the training, and representatives from local organizations provided information on their services.
- Reviewed upcoming scheduled events for the next quarter.
- Commission suggested hosting a self-defense class open to the public for all ages.

*Upcoming Scheduled Events:*

<b>Date/Time</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Event</b>
Thursday, February 13th at 4PM	Sea Hag	Women's Entrepreneurship Network (WEN) Happy Hour
Wednesday, February 26th at 6PM	<a href="#">Virtual</a>	Presentation from Sexual Assault Response Team (SART/BARCC): Meeting of the Police Review & Advisory Board
Friday, March 7th at 9AM	<a href="#">Simmon's College/ Virtual</a>	International Women's Day Breakfast "Action in Unity: Celebrating Women's Collective Power"
Thursday, March 13th at 6PM	Cambridge Public Library-Main	Women's History Month: "Still Marching 1970-2017" by Liane Brandon Photo Exhibit Reception
Wednesday, March 26th at 7-8:30PM	Orinoco, Harvard Square	Women & Words! Women's Cancer Mural in Harvard Square