

SEACOAST NAACP #2070  
1 NEW HAMPSHIRE AVENUE, PEASE INTERNATIONAL TRADEPORT  
PORTSMOUTH NH 03801  
MEMBERSHIP MEETING July 10, 2017

The meeting was brought to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Rogers Johnson, with an invocation by Chaplain Irving Heughan.

### **Secretary's Report**

The minutes of the June 5 meeting were read and accepted.

### **President's Report**

President Rogers Johnson has been asked to rejoin the New Hampshire Civil Rights Commission. This is a Federal appointment, and Rogers will be a representative for the United States Department of Justice on a federal panel dealing with civil rights issues in NH.

Rogers will attend the next meeting of the Disproportionate Minority Contact Committee, planned for the end of July.

The Martin Luther King Breakfast Committee will hold another meeting on July 18. The committee is meeting frequently because there is a lot to decide and a lot to get done in advance of the January event.

The NEAC annual meeting will be held from September 22 to September 24. The Branch will send four delegates to the meeting, which will include the election of new NEAC officers.

### **Ongoing Business**

In response to recent racial incidents at the University of New Hampshire, Rogers Johnson and Mary Stevens, member of SURJ and the Seacoast NAACP, have met with UNH staff members Ted Kirkpatrick, Jamie Nolan, Charlie Putnam, and Howard Smith to discuss the incidents and the university's response to them.

Rogers emphasized at the meeting that the measures taken to date by the University in response to the incidents are belated, and are insufficient to assure students of color that they are safe in the university community. Lack of vigorous action reinforces the conviction that white people can do whatever they want to people of color and get away with it. He reported that the ACLU has offered to step in, and news agencies have expressed interest in reporting on the situation.

Another meeting with representatives of the University has been scheduled for July 28.

Rogers noted that the September 11 meeting of the Branch, which was already planned to take place at UNH in response to requests by members of the Durham community, will also serve a second purpose, that of letting students know that the NAACP is present in the community and will support and defend them.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Frances Elsemore  
Secretary