

New Hampshire Commission on Native American Affairs

July 11, 2017, 5PM Meeting Minutes

Community Room, Durham Police Department | 86 Dover Rd., Durham, NH 03824

Members Present:

Albert Gauvin (AG), Chair
Kathleen Black (KB), Vice Chair
Katie Devoid (KD), Treasurer
Sheila Charles (SC)
Shawn O'Leary (SO)
Kayla Schweitzer (KS), Secretary

Members Absent:

Bronwyn Asplund (BA)
Vicki Blanchard (VB)
Kris Neilson (KN)

Public Attendees: Todd Selig (Town of Durham), Kitty Marple (Town of Durham- Council), John Moody (Winter Center for Indigenous Traditions), Steve Doherty (U.S. Postal Service), Paul Pouliot (Covasuck Band of the Pennacook Abenaki People), Denise Pouliot (Covasuck Band of the Pennacook Abenaki People), Neal Ferris (Durham resident), Scott Devoid, Nancy Lambert (Durham resident), Robin Mower (Durham resident)

Quorum: No

Meeting Proceedings:

1. AG Call meeting to order at 5:05 pm
2. AG Welcome
3. Approve minutes
 - a. 3/22/16 SO moved; AG second, no discussion, vote: unanimous; approved
 - b. 5/10/16 SO moved; AG second, no discussion, vote: unanimous; approved
 - c. 11/15/16 KD moved; KB second, no discussion, vote: unanimous; approved
 - d. 1/10/17 KS moved; AG second, no discussion, vote: unanimous; approved
 - e. 4/11/17 KB moved; SC second, no discussion, vote: unanimous; approved
4. **KB:** No current business to discuss
5. **AG:** Moved to **Open Discussion** by Commission members and public attendees about the Durham Mural ("Cruel Diversity") and review of the interpretative text draft (see attachment)
 - a. Discussion on U.S.P.S Policies (see attachment)
 - i. Mural accepted not as a complete historical perspective, accepted as a piece of artwork
 - ii. Artwork cannot be added, altered, or covered
 - b. Discussion on:
 - i. perspective of mural
 - ii. interpretative text
 - iii. impact of mural vs. interpretative text
 - iv. Education programming
 - v. Town of Durham having a public meeting regarding the mural

The New Hampshire Commission on Native American Affairs was established by HB1610 in 2010 and is administratively attached to the New Hampshire Department of Natural and Cultural Resources

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6. **AG:** Thanked attendees and Commission members for their participation and comments on the Durham Mural
7. **AG:** Moved to **Open Discussion** on Changing Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples Day in Durham
 - a. Discussion on issues and spreading movement by cities to rename Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples Day
8. **KB:** Thanked attendees and Commission members for their participation and comments
9. **AG:** Moved to discussion among Commission members about meeting with Vermont Commission on Native American Affairs
10. KD motion to **adjourn** meeting at 7:11p.m., AG second; no discussion; vote unanimous

Meeting Adjourned

Action Steps:

Steve Doherty: Consult with Jennifer Lynch about U.S.P.S. policies and various approaches