

New Hampshire Commission on Native American Affairs

July 28, 2022 Meeting Minutes

1-3PM

DNCR Main Conference Room, 172 Pembroke Road, Concord, NH 03301

Members Present:

Anne Jennison, Chair

Denise Pouliot, Vice Chair

Kayla Schweitzer, Secretary

Sheila Charles

Bridget Herrera

Cherie Pernaw

Christine Nih'shaw

Diane Polewarczyk

Estlin McLellan

Members Absent: James Edgell Jr., Carlos Cardona Lebron, Deborah Calabrese

Public Attendees: Paul Pouliot (Cawasuck Band Pennacook-Abenaki), Charles Jennison (INHCC), Amy Dixon (Community Preservation Coordinator at NHDHR)

Quorum: Yes

Meeting Proceedings:

1. **Anne Jennison** called meeting to order at 1:17PM
2. **Anne Jennison** welcome and introductions
3. **Anne Jennison** moved to review and discussion of the draft [June 30, 2022 Meeting Minutes](#)
 - a. Edit:
 - i. Cawasuck Band Pennacook-Abenaki to Cawasuck Band Pennacook-Abenaki
4. **Sheila Charles** motioned to approve the draft June 30, 2022 Meeting Minutes with edit; **Cherie Pernaw** seconded
 - a. Vote: unanimous; approved
5. **Anne Jennison** moved to update Commission members on inquiries the Commission had received from a Dartmouth College student, MacDowell, and Dover400. **Anne Jennison** will respond to them.
6. **Anne Jennison** moved to discussion of historic markers and invited **Amy Dixon** to speak
 - a. **Amy Dixon** provided an update to Commission Members on relevant historic markers including Odiorne Point, Rye, Abenaki Tower and Trail Association, and proposals from INHCC (1713 Treat of Portsmouth, Pennacook Retribution in Dover)
 - b. **Amy Dixon** moved to discuss the evolution of the Oyster River Marker
 1. Durham Historic Association (DHA) wants the Commission's response to: specific objections to original marker, specific objections to DHA's revision, specific suggestions
 2. [Noted that DP's edits are proposed on behalf of the Cawasuck Band Pennacook-Abenaki]
 3. Commission members reviewed and discussed the original marker text and marker revisions proposed by DHA, DHR and Cawasuck Band Pennacook-Abenaki

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4. Cowasuck Band Pennacook-Abenaki revision
 - a. Edit noted - lifeways (one word)
 - ii. **Sheila Charles** motioned that the Commission support the Cowasuck Band Pennacook-Abenaki marker revision with edit; **Christine Nih'shaw** seconded
 1. Roll Call:
 - a. In favor: Estlin McLellan, Cherie Pernaw, Anne Jennison, Bridget Herrera, Christine Nih'shaw, Sheila Charles, Diane Polewarczyk, Kayla Schweitzer
 - b. Abstain: Denise Pouliot
 2. Approved
7. Mill Pond Dam removal update by **Denise Pouliot**
 8. **Anne Jennison** moved to Manchester School District discussion. **Anne Jennison** will follow up.
 9. **Anne Jennison** moved to discussion on having NHCNAA representation at events
 - a. "How to be an Ally" handout or bookmark
 - b. "You're on Indigenous Land" buttons or stickers
 - c. Commission Application
 10. **Anne Jennison** moved to discussion on having NHCNAA representation at events – standing authority – *tabled*
 11. **Anne Jennison** moved to scheduling the next Commission Meeting
 12. **Anne Jennison** adjourned meeting 3:18PM

NHCNAA Meeting Adjourned