

New Hampshire Commission on Native American Affairs  
September 24, 2019, 10AM Meeting Minutes  
The Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth

**Members Present:**

Kathleen Blake (KB), Chair  
Shawn O’Leary (SO), Vice Chair  
Kayla Schweitzer (KS), Secretary  
Kris Neilsen (KN), Treasurer  
Madeleine Wright (MW)  
Garrett Chapman (GC)  
Peter Kenney (PK)  
Sheila Charles (SC)  
Denise Pouliot (DP)  
Daniel Howard (DH)

**Members Absent:** None

**Public Attendees:** Paul Pouliot (Cowasuck Band of the Pennacook Abenaki People), Anne Jennison (Strawbery Banke), Andrew Bullock (Executive Director, Mount Kearsarge Indian Museum)

**Quorum:** Yes

**Meeting Proceedings:**

1. **KB** Calls meeting to order at 10:05AM
2. **KB:** Welcome and Introductions
3. **KB:** Meeting Minutes Approval
  - a. June 13, 2019 Meeting Minutes
    - i. **SC** moved; **SO** second, no discussion, vote: unanimous; approved
4. **KB** Moved to Committee reports
  - a. Arts & Crafts Committee
    - i. **MW:** Update on proposed display at NH Fire Academy and EMS
  - b. Education Committee
    - i. **DP** Discussion on the revision of the NH social studies standards
    - ii. **Open Discussion** on Strawberry Banke exhibit
    - iii. **KS** Dawnland screening at Concord Public Library
    - iv. **DP** Smithsonian Magazine Article – Inside a New Effort to Change What Schools Teach about Native American History (*tabled*)
  - c. Nominations Committee
    - i. **KB** one outstanding application
  - d. Social Services
    - i. **DP** still looking for indigenous foster homes
  - e. Protection and Preservation Committee:
    - i. **Open Discussion** on Winnepesaukee’s Farm Island
    - ii. Additional Items moved to Old Business section
5. **Old Business**
  - a. **DP** Discussion on Historic Dugout Canoe- Shelburne Museum and Holderness Historical Society
    - i. **Open Discussion**
  - b. **KB** Aquadoctan update
  - c. **DP** Indigenous People’s Day update
  - d. **KB** 2019 Annual Report
    - i. **Committee Chairs** will get their reports prepared for next meeting
  - e. **KB** Abenaki Nation of NH Letter
6. **New Business**
  - a. **DP** Discussion on various potential partnerships within NH
  - b. **DP** Discussion on potential Indigenous Studies minor at UNH

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7. **Public Comments**

- a. **Paul Pouliot**
- b. **Anne Jennison**
- c. **Andrew Bullock**

8. **KB adjourned** meeting at 11:50 AM

**NHCNAA Meeting Adjourned**

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**Vermont Commission on Native American Affairs Members Present:**

Carol McGranaghan (CM), Chair  
Carol Irons (CI), Vice Chair

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**Meeting Proceedings:**

1. **KB** Calls meeting to order at 12:37PM
2. **KB:** Welcome and Introductions
3. Potential joint collaborations
  - a. **CI** Discussion on workshops, camps and seminars
  - b. **Open Discussion and sharing** of potential models and strategies
    - i. Family settings
    - ii. Highly structured
    - iii. Mission driven - Who is your targeted audience?
4. **Open Discussion** on a joint Women’s Circle
5. **DP** Discussion on Historic Dugout Canoe- Shelburne Museum and Holderness Historical Society
  - a. **Open Discussion**
6. **CM** Discussion on VCNAA successes:
  - a. Abenaki display in statehouse
  - b. Abenaki Heritage Weekend
  - c. Indigenous Peoples’ Day
7. **CM** Encouragement Remarks
8. **KB** Meeting Adjourned at 2:16PM

**NHCNA and VCNA Joint Meeting Adjourned**