

New Hampshire Commission on Native American Affairs  
September 17, 2020 1PM Meeting Minutes  
Zoom Meeting

**Members Present:**

Kathleen Blake (KB), Chair  
Kayla Schweitzer (KS), Secretary  
Garrett Chapman (GC), Treasurer  
Madeleine Wright (MW)  
Peter Kenney (PK)  
Sheila Charles (SC)  
Denise Pouliot (DP)  
Daniel Howard (DH)  
Anne Jennison (AJ)  
Barbara Shea (BS)

**Members Absent:** Shawn O’Leary (SO), Vice Chair

**Public Attendees:** Courtney Castro (Public), Mark Doperalski (State Archaeologist-NHDHR), Sherry Gould (Nulhegan Band of the Coosuk Abenaki Nation), Robert Wright (Nulhegan Band of the Coosuk Abenaki Nation), Lori Patriacca (Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Coordinator at Proctor Academy), Michael Haley (DNCR Attorney General Representative-NHDOJ), Brandee Loughlin (National Register and Preservation Tax Incentives Coordinator-NHDHR), Margaret Jacobs (Akwesasne Mohawk), Megan Rupnik (State Survey Coordinator-NHDHR), Vicki Blanchard (Nulhegan Tribal Member), Ginnie Lupi (Director-NHSCA)

**Quorum:** Yes

**Meeting Proceedings:**

1. **KB** Calls meeting to order at 1:01PM
2. **KB** The NHCNAA is holding an emergency meeting pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, Section 8 and Emergency Order #12, Section 3.
3. **KB** Welcome and Introductions
4. **KB** invites **Brandee Loughlin** and **Megan Rupnik** from NHDHR to speak on the 2021-2025 statewide historic preservation plan
  - a. **Open Discussion** among Commission Members
5. **KB** invites **Megan Rupnik** from NHDHR to speak on the NH Historical Marker Program
  - a. **Open Discussion** among Commission Members
6. **KB** Commission received and fulfilled a 91-A request
7. Meeting Minutes Approval
  - a. July 7, 2020 Meeting Minutes – *tabled for further review and discussion*
8. **KB** Moved to Committee reports
  - a. Arts & Crafts Committee
    - i. **MW** no report
  - b. Education Committee
    - i. **DP** no report
  - c. Nominations Committee
    - i. **KB** *tabled*
  - d. Preservation & Protection Committee
    - i. **DP** no report
    - ii. **KB** invites **Mark Doperalski** to update the Commission on the OSL project at a NH State Park
    - iii. **KB** moved to **Open Discussion** regarding NH historical societies containing Native American collections and/or items

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1. **Open Discussion** on drafting a letter to NH historical societies containing Native American collections and/or items
  - a. **KB** motion to draft letter, vote: unanimous; approved
- e. Social Services
  - i. No report
9. Moved to Old Business
  - a. **KB** moved to **Open Discussion** regarding the Commission's **Rules of Decorum**
    - i. **Open Discussion** on having a diverse Commission
      1. **KB** motion to schedule a call with NHDOJ Michael Haley and NHDHR Director Ben Wilson regarding diversity on the Commission, vote: unanimous; approved
      - ii. **KB** motion to review and update the Rules of Decorum, vote: unanimous; approved
    - b. **KB** Update on Copeland Collection
    - c. **KB** Update on letter sent to Governor regarding racist mascots
    - d. **KB** moved to **Open Discussion** regarding NH school districts with racist mascots
      - i. **KB** motion to send a letter to NH school districts with racist mascots, vote: unanimous; approved
    - e. **KB** received an inquiry from Chief Shirell Parfait-Dardar of the Grand Caillou/Dulac Band of Biloxi-Chitimacha-Choctaw regarding the Commission for a report being compiled on Native American Commissions in the United States
      - i. **KB** participated on behalf of the Commission
      - ii. **KB** motion to accept the (draft) report and extend an invitation to Chief Shirell Parfait-Dardar to attend a future Commission meeting, vote: unanimous; approved
    - f. **DP** updated the **Commission** on the status of correspondence received by the Commission
10. **Public Comments**
  - a. **Sherry Gould**
  - b. **Julia Davis**
11. **Unity Park N'Dakinna** Discussion
  - a. **DP** provides update on the Unity Park N'Dakinna to **Commission Members** and **Public Members**
  - b. **GC** suggests drafting a support letter for Unity Park N'Dakinna
    - i. **KB** motion to draft letter; vote: unanimous; approved
12. **Public Comments Continued**
  - a. **Courtney Castro**
  - b. **Margaret Jacobs**
13. **KB adjourned** meeting at 2:55PM

**NHCNAA Meeting Adjourned**