

New Hampshire Commission on Native American Affairs
June 9, 2021 Meeting Minutes
Zoom Meeting

Members Present:

Kathleen Blake (KB), Chair
Shawn O’Leary (SOL), Vice Chair
Kayla Schweitzer (KS), Secretary
Garrett Chapman (GC), Treasurer
Sheila Charles (SC)
Denise Pouliot (DP)
Daniel Howard (DH)
Anne Jennison (AJ)
Peter Kenney (PK)
Barbara Shea (BS)

Members Absent: None

Public Attendees: Arnie Alpert, Representative Gerri Cannon, Reb MacKenzie, Sherry Gould (Nulhegan Band of Coosuk Abenaki Nation), Jenny Wright, Rick Van de Poll, Mark Doperalski (NHDHR – State Archaeologist), Madeleine Wright (Nulhegan Band of the Coosuk Abenaki Nation), Jeanne Gerulskis (Executive Director, McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center), Doris Hampton

Quorum: Yes

Meeting Proceedings:

1. **KB** Welcome and called meeting to order at 3:06PM
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** Roll Call/Introductions
4. **KB** Introduced **Representative Gerri Cannon**
 - a. **Rep. Gerri Cannon** spoke to the Commission about drafting legislation for the fall to remove racist Native American mascots from NH schools. Requested the Commission’s assistance and support on drafting the proposed legislation.
 - b. **Commission Members** expressed gratitude and willingness to work with **Rep. Gerri Cannon** on this matter.
 - c. **KB** noted the NH School Board of Education Resolution to end the use of Native American mascots.
5. **KB** updated the Commission that both [NH HB155](#) [Renaming Columbus Day as Indigenous People's Day] and [NH SB33](#) [Relative to Native American name restoration] were voted down by the legislative bodies.
6. **KB** NHCNAA web presence discussion
 - a. **AJ** stated its challenging to access the website and the Commission’s materials; also, the list of Native American groups and organizations is not up to date.
 - b. **KS** explained that the Commission is administratively attached to DNCR and that the Commission’s website serves as a landing page for its business materials.
 - c. **AJ** would like to explore having a separate website.
7. **KB** NHCNAA meeting schedule and format (in-person and remote) discussion

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- a. **KB** noted need for a quorum to be present, concern with upcoming Commission members rotating off, the Governor's office has not moved on new applications, and concern over people with disabilities not being able to attend in-person meetings
 - b. **SC** would like to revisit time frame of meetings
 - c. **KB** noted there is a bill in-progress to allow for remote access for public meetings
 - d. **KB** moved to do a roll call vote to *table* this discussion on in-person meeting and time frame of meetings
 - i. Roll Call Vote: unanimous; approved
 - e. **KB** moved to do a roll call vote to put this on the next agenda
 - i. Roll Call Vote: unanimous; approved
8. **DP** discussed the COVID-19 vaccine mobile van. They are interested in doing clinics and can do as small as five people. Please contact **DP** if interested.
9. **SOL** spoke about the screening of Stop Line 3 film on Dartmouth Campus. He noted he has not received any responses in regards to being able to promote NHCNAA open seats at screening. **DP** noted she would be interested in participating in the screening.
10. **KB** 2020 Annual Report discussion and approval
 - a. Revisions discussed among **Commission Members**
 - b. **KB** moved to do a roll call vote to approve the 2020 Annual Report with revisions
 - i. Roll Call Vote: unanimous; approved
11. **KB** NHCNAA Meeting Minutes discussion and approval
 - a. September 17, 2020
 - i. **KB** noted they had been approved but needed to be re-edited
 - ii. **KB** moved to do a roll call vote to approve the September 17, 2020 meeting minutes
 1. Roll Call Vote: unanimous; approved
 - b. December 3, 2020
 - i. **KB** moved to do a roll call vote to approve the December 3, 2020 meeting minutes
 1. Roll Call Vote: unanimous; approved
 - c. **KS** motioned to approve all remaining outstanding meeting minutes: January 15, 2021; January 27, 2021; February 23, 2021; March 18, 2021. **DH** seconded.
 - d. **KB** moved to do a roll call vote to approve all the remaining outstanding meeting minutes
 - i. Roll Call Vote: unanimous; approved
12. **KB** Annual Officer Elections
 - a. Secretary
 - i. **KB** nominates **KS**, **DP** seconded. **KS** accepts.
 - ii. Roll Call Vote: unanimous; approved
 - b. Chair
 - i. **DP** nominates **AJ**, **GC** seconded. **AJ** conditionally accepts if remote access is continued.
 - ii. Roll Call Vote: unanimous; approved

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- c. Vice Chair
 - 1. **SC** nominates **DH**, **DH** declines.
 - 2. **KS** nominates **DP**, **AJ** seconded. **DP** conditionally accepts if remote access is continued.
 - 3. Roll Call Vote: unanimous; approved
- d. Treasurer
 - i. **DP** nominates **SC**, **KS** seconded. **SC** accepts.
 - ii. Roll Call Vote: unanimous; approved
- 13. **KB** Annual Election of Committee Chairs
 - a. **DH** motion to postpone electing Committee Chairs, **SC** seconded.
 - b. Roll Call Vote: unanimous; approved
- 14. **KB** Rules of Decorum discussion and approval
 - a. Revisions discussed among **Commission Members**
 - b. **KB** moved to do a roll call vote to approve the Meeting Guidelines with revisions
 - i. Roll Call Vote: unanimous; approved
- 15. **KB** moved to Preservation and Protection Committee Report
 - a. **KB** - [Native American Organizations With Geographical / Cultural Interests in New Hampshire Consultation List](#)
 - i. **KB** spoke about how **Mark Doperalski** would like the consultation list to be updated annually with assistance from NHCNAA. **KB** had contacted current list and did not hear back from some.
 - ii. **Mark Doperalski** expressed that groups or organizations would not be taken off the list until they respond that they are dissolved and/or no longer want to be on the list (they will not be removed due to lack of response). **Mark Doperalski** noted it would be good to have a complete and up to date list of those who would like to be notified.
 - iii. Two lists proposed – active and inactive; records of outreach will be kept
 - iv. **DP** recused herself from assisting with this work.
 - v. **AJ** will work with Protection and Preservation Committee and be in touch with **Mark Doperalski**.
- 16. **KB** moved to NH Highway Markers discussion
 - a. **AJ** explained work is ongoing/in-process. **KB** and **AJ** are working with **SC** and Megan to look at the text of the markers and about adding and retiring some of the markers.
 - b. **DP** noted she would be interested in participating.
- 17. **KB** moved back to Committee Reports
 - a. Arts and Crafts Committee
 - i. **KS** - No report
 - b. Education Committee
 - i. **DP** - No report
 - c. Nominations Committee
 - i. **KB** – Nominations Committee have received two new applications and have one outstanding application from last summer. Those applications have been

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forwarded to Director Wilson for his review and approval. Waiting for three other applications to come in too.

- d. Protection and Preservation Committee continued
 - i. **DP** noted there is a new site under preservation.
 - ii. **Mark Doperalski** stated it is a [paleo site listed to the National Register of Historic Places](#).
 - e. Social Services Committee
 - i. **SOL** – No report
18. **KB** noted that there is no time for public comments today due to the time.
19. **KB** expressed gratitude to the outgoing Commission members for their time and service.
20. **KB adjourned** meeting 4:59PM

NHCNAA Meeting Adjourned