

ACCEPTED
New Hampshire Commission on Native American Affairs

(Meeting minutes: May 21, 2013) (Plymouth State University)

In Attendance: Sherry Gould (SG) Vicki Blanchard (VB) Steven Daigle (SD) Peggy Fullerton (PF) Robert Goodby (RG) Peter Newell (PN) Tai Freligh (TF) Georgia Edwards (GE) Darryl Peasley (DP) Kent Whitman (KW) Al Gauvin (AG) Herb Monroe (HM)

Absent: Melanie B. Taylor (MT) Liz Charlebois (LC) Lynn Graton (LG)

Public Attendees: Steve Rand, Marcia Morris, Cheryl Prescott, Bernie Mortz, Duncan Mathewson

Quorum: Eleven voting members present

Minutes:

- SG called meeting to order at 2:13 pm.
- SG suggested that the agenda item concerning the Hannah Duston Memorial be moved to just after the Treasurer's report
- Minutes from 11/13/12 meeting were corrected by VB to reflect a correction of the balance of the Treasurer's report. VB moved that the minutes from the 11/13/12 meeting be approved as corrected, seconded by KW, passed unanimously with one abstention.
- The minutes from the 2/19/13 meeting were presented by SD. KW moved to accept the minutes as written, RG seconded, passed unanimously.
- Treasurer's Report was given by Vicki Blanchard. There were no receipts and no expenses since the last meeting. SG suggested that funds be used to buy a coffee carafe and cups for use in future meeting. Moved by SD, seconded by HM, passed unanimously. SD will donate a coffee carafe. HM and GE will look into getting free or low-cost biodegradable cups.
- Ben Wilson, Director of the New Hampshire Bureau of Historic Sites, Division of Parks and Recreation was unable to be present, but he submitted notes dated 5/21/13 (attached.) The Hannah Duston Memorial is to be renovated; what is the Native perspective of the story? Discussion ensued about what Native people want the restored monument and any associated signs to say. The Commission feels that it should have final approval before signs and the Hannah Duston Memorial website go up. PN suggested that David Stewart-Smith be consulted. KW moved that the Commission accept the project of writing the Native American perspective of the Hannah Duston story. A committee consisting of RG, PN, and KW will do this. David Stewart-Smith will be consulted. Bernie Mortz, Chief of the Kowasuck Abenaki tribe will contribute to the project

via email. TF will compile a draft, which will be presented to the Commission at the August, 2013 meeting. HM second the motion, passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

- Social Services. PN presented a request from Zunk Buker and Shea Red Horse (formerly Shea Keck) of The Northeast Native American Children's Coalition to meet with the Social Services Committee. By unanimous consent the Commission agreed that PN and members of the Social Services Committee meet with Zunk Buker and Shea Red Horse to learn more about the Coalition and its goals.
- Education Committee. GE read a letter she received from President Obama in regards to her concern that Federal funds allocated for VT and NH tribes be distributed proportionately. In his letter President Obama stated his long-standing support for Native American issues.
- Preservation and Protection Committee. (PF) no report
- Resources Committee. VB is using the website of the NH Historical Society to gather historical information for the Resource Guide.
- Membership Committee. KW presented a spreadsheet of Member Appointment Data for review. Members are asked to check the spreadsheet and send changes to KW.

Plymouth, NH 205th Anniversary Celebration

- Marcia Morris and Steve Rand of Plymouth made a presentation describing the planned celebration of Plymouth's 250th anniversary. The Native community is invited to participate in the parade, which will take place Saturday, July 20, 2013 at 10:00 am. Mr. Rand and Ms. Morris also issued an invitation to Native craftspeople to participate in the demonstrations and sales scheduled for the afternoon of July 20.
- Chief Bernie Mortz asked that the Commission write a letter to NH state representatives protesting the proposed XL Pipeline, which will cross northern NH. TF and VB abstained from the discussion and left the room. GE abstained. HM moved that PF of the Preservation Committee draft a letter of protest on behalf of the Commission. A copy of the letter will be sent to the Attorney General's office for review before the letter is sent. Seconded by PN. Passed unanimously, with the three noted abstentions.
- The next meeting of the Commission will take place in Concord at the Fire Academy on August 20, 2013, from 2:00 – 4:00 pm.
- Motion by PN to adjourn meeting, seconded by GE.
- Meeting adjourned at 4:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Steven Daigle, Secretary