

New Hampshire Commission on Native American Affairs

October 10, 2017, 2PM Meeting Minutes

Room 112, NH Department of Transportation | 7 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH 03302

Members Present:

Albert Gauvin (AG), Chair
Kathleen Black (KB), Vice Chair
Katie Devoid (KD), Treasurer
Sheila Charles (SC)
Kayla Schweitzer (KaS), Secretary
Bronwyn Asplund-Walsh (BAW)
Vicki Blanchard (VB)
Kris Neilson (KS)
Shawn O'Leary (SO)-*by phone*

Public Attendees: John Moody (Winter Center for Indigenous Traditions), Paul Pouliot (Cawasuck Band of the Pennacook Abenaki People), Denise Pouliot (Cawasuck Band of the Pennacook Abenaki People)

Quorum: Yes

Meeting Proceedings:

1. **AG** Call meeting to order at 2:10 pm
2. **AG** Welcome
3. Secretary report: Approval of minutes
 - a. **KaS**: Discussion on quorum and previous meeting minutes.
 - b. Comprehensive discussion and vote for approval of meeting minutes from: 7/11/17, 4/11/17, 1/10/17, 11/15/16, 9/13/16, 5/10/16, 3/22/16
 - c. **BAW** moved; **VB** seconded, no discussion, vote: unanimous; approved
4. **BAW**: Moved to Officer Elections (one year terms)
 - a. **KB** nominated for Chair by **KD**, **SC** seconded, no discussion, vote: unanimous; approved
 - b. **SO** nominated for Vice Chair by **BAW**, seconded by **KD**, no discussion, vote: unanimous; approved
 - c. **KaS** nominated for Secretary by **BAW**, seconded by **KD**, no discussion, vote: unanimous; approved
 - d. **KS** nominated for Treasurer by **BAW**, seconded by **KD**, no discussion, vote: unanimous; approved
5. **KB**: Moved to **Open Discussion** by Commission members and public attendees about the Town of Durham designating the second Monday in October as "Indigenous Peoples' Day"
 - a. **KB**, DP and PP were in attendance at the Durham Town Council meeting
 - b. **KB**: propose to send a letter to Durham Town Council thanking them for the designation and for their continued advocacy at the state level
 - c. NHCAA members agree the proposed action is appropriate; **KB** to work on drafting letter
 - d. **Open Discussion** on other towns, cities and states moving to designating the second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples' Day
6. **BAW**: Moved to **Open Discussion** on Committee and chair designations

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- a. Due to membership levels, Commission members were designated to serve as “point of contact” for their selected committees but will pass on relevant information to the rest of the Commission when concerns or opportunities occur.
- b. Committee point of contact designations:
 - i. Arts and Crafts Committee: **KaS, KS, SO**
 - ii. Education Committee: **KaS, KS, SO**
 - iii. Social Services Committee: **KaS, KS, SO**
 - iv. Nominations Committee: **BAW, KB**
 - v. Protection and Preservation Committee: **SC, KB**
7. **KB:** Moved to **Open Discussion** on the Durham Murals
 - a. **Open Discussion** on USPS policies, possible solutions and next steps
 - b. **KD** put together a survey regarding the Durham murals to be distributed to UNH, UNH Powwow and the Durham Town Council
8. **BAW:** Moved to Committee Reports
 - a. Arts and Crafts Committee: no report
 - b. Education Committee: no report
 - c. Social Services Committee: no report
 - d. Protection and Preservation Committee:
 - i. **KB** and **SC** met with Dick Boisvert (State Archaeologist) on clarification of roles of committee with Division of Historical Resources
 - ii. **Open Discussion** on archaeological sites in NH
 - iii. Committee will work on drafting an open letter of concern for archaeological sites
 - e. Nominations Committee:
 - i. **BAW:** has received two emails from interested individuals; will work to assist them with the nomination procedure
 - ii. **Open Discussion** on potential nominees, suggestions and outreach efforts
9. **KB:** Moved to discussion about Annual Report
 - a. **KB** and **AG** will work on producing annual report
10. **KB:** Moved to discussion on inquiries regarding the Northern Pass
 - a. **Members** agree that the Commission is not a consulting party
11. **KB:** Thanked outgoing members Al Gauvin, Vicki Blanchard and Katie Devoid for their efforts in support of the Commission
12. **KB:** Moved to discussion among Commission members about meeting with the Vermont Commission on Native American Affairs
 - a. **KB:** will correspond with them regarding dates and times
13. **KB** motion to **adjourn** meeting at 3:44p.m., **SC** second; no discussion; vote unanimous

Meeting Adjourned