

Indigenous Peoples' Day Committee

Wednesday March 6, 2024

7:00pm

Medway Public Library

26 High St Medway, MA 02053

Conference Room

A. Call to Order

a. Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 7:08. Present was Joann Phillips, Cher Hamilton, Margaret Perkins, Cindy Sullivan, Cindy Sullivan, Ella Vargas (high school student), Glenn Trindade arrived late

B. Public Comment

No one was present for public comment.

C. Medway Community Farm-Native American Powwow Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup> 11am Updates

Ms. Crosby updated the Committee about the Powwow. Ms. Crosby reported things were moving along, but then The Farm started having some reservations about the people throwing the Powwow aligning with the views of Medway about indigenous people. Ms. Crosby spoke with Brittany Wally, who did not know who the people were that were throwing the Powwow. The group seemed to be part of a tribe that was not part of the indigenous people native to the area or even Massachusetts. Ms. Crosby reported The Farm put a stop to the event and gave the group time to get inclusion and/or the blessing from tribes in the area.

D. Medway Indigenous Peoples Day Logo

E. Identification of needs for leading up to and day of event

F. Historical Society Plaque location and wording at Choate Park

Ms. Hamilton informed the Committee about the place and designer the Historical Commission has used for their plaques. Ms. Hamilton questioned if Choate Park had any connection to indigenous people of the area. Ms. Crosby stated that any land in the area could be considered connected to indigenous people because it is known there were native tribes in the area and they traveled through what is known as the current Medway. Ms. Crosby suggested the idea of doing a plaque that doesn't have to be historically based, but connected to indigenous people of the area somehow, like a poem with a translation for example.

Ms. Phillips suggested going in front of the Selectboard to change the charter as the Committee has evolved and changed. The Committee discussed setting their goal as creating and installing historical and informative plaques and signs as well as building relationships with indigenous people and tribes still in the area.

Ms. Sullivan stated the members' appointments have expired, so they would all need to be reappointed.

G. Promotion/ social media/ High school paper and news

H. Budget 2024

The Committee stated the need to find out how much their budget is, and if there is any left over from the previous year. Mr. Trindade arrived and informed the Committee that the budget was the same as last year.

I. Identify next meeting agenda topics.

J. *Other: This time is reserved for topics that the chair did not reasonably anticipate would be discussed*

The Committee planned out their next steps including going in front of the Selectboard to change their charter and name (Indigenous People's Committee) and aiming for creating a sign by the end of May.

K. Set Next Meeting Date and Time

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, April 3, 2024 at 7pm.

L. Adjourn - 8:11