

Indigenous Peoples' Day Committee

Wednesday August 30, 2023

7:00pm

Medway Public Library

26 High St Medway, MA 02053

Conference Room

A. Call to Order

a. Roll Call

Present was Cher Hamilton, Margaret Perkins, Jo-Ann Venezia, Glenn Trindade, Cindy Sullivan, Angelica Crosby

B. Public Comment

No one was present for public comment.

C. Open Seats on the committee

a. Update on community interest in filling open seat on the committee

There has been no update on filling the open seat.

D. 2023 Event Idea

a. Plaque location identified at The Amphitheater

b. Identification of Speakers for 10/7, 11/2/2023 dates reserved at Library-

- i. Brittany Wally- Ms. Venezia reported that Ms. Wally is not able to commit at this point to any of the fall dates, but that could change. Ms. Venezia reported that Mr. McDermott is working on connecting with the Massachusetts tribes. Ms. Venezia reported that Ms. Wally's tribe performs a row, and would love to have people from the Medway community to support this celebration. Ms. Venezia reported that this could help connect with other members of the tribe for some participation in future events. Ms. Venezia spoke to the idea that they are in the process of building relationships and alliances with the indigenous community that could result in some collaboration in coming years, but at this time Ms. Wally was not comfortable with speaking at an event.

c. Walking Tour

- i. Utilizing 4 boxes on trails and at schools - Mr. Trindade stated the first thing to do would be to make sure they are intact. Any issues can be taken care of by the town.
 - 1. Library - Library will highlight authors and books available at the library.
 - 2. Trails- Identifying Native Plants, Mushrooms, Wildlife - Mr. Trindade stated he would reach out to Jim at trails to assist with a box.

3. Jo-Ann/Liam Native use of land - Ms. Venezia stated that maybe students would be interested and if not, her and Liam could take this on.
4. The Historical Society could provide historical information rendered from last year's event.

E. Brainstorm Facebook Page to help promote IPD events in Medway and larger Community

Ms. Venezia questioned if the Committee would like to have a social media page to promote local Indigenous People's Day celebrations and other information. Ms. Crosby spoke to Sandy Johnson who stated that each town handles their own promotion. Ms. Crosby suggested handling their own social media page, but limiting the comment option. Mr. Trindade suggested to be sure there is content to post otherwise there isn't a purpose and people won't interact. Ms. Hamilton suggested a social media page can bring the Committee into the community more and can help build relationships with other groups in town. Ms. Venezia suggested holding out on the social media page until a new member joins.

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

There were no other topics brought for discussion.

G. Set Next Meeting Date and Time: TBD

H. Adjourn: 8:08