

Indigenous Peoples' Day Committee
Wednesday December 7, 2022

7:00pm
Medway Public Library
26 High St Medway, MA 02053
Conference Room

A. Call to Order

a. Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Jo-Ann at 7:02pm. Present at the meeting was Liam McDermott, Jo-Ann Phillips and Margaret Perkins.

Absent: Cher Hamilton, Angelica Crosby, Cindy Sullivan, Rebecca Purcell, Glenn Trindade, Assistant Superintendent Gabby Abrams

B. Public Comment

None

C. Review and Approve Meeting Minutes 10/11/2022, 11/2/2022

Not today due to no quorum because of absences.

D. Identify any outstanding budget considerations or concerns

Jo-Ann wonders how much money is left over in the budget and if the Committee will be able to use it this year.

E. Identify open seats on the committee

a. Outreach to Trails, High School, Open Spaces for potential interest

No word on any interest. Hoping for people from Trails and Open Spaces to be interested in joining. Jo-Ann asks if there ever has been any interest by high school students in joining the Committee. There are still two citizen-at-large seats open.

F. Review of Goals and Intentions 2023 year/event

a. Intentions- Education, Learning, Remembrance, Collaboration, Allyship

Jo-Ann asks if the Committee is on board with having the words above being the "mission words" of the group.

G. Connection and Collaboration with Indigenous Community

a. Hosting meetings and creating relationships with community

i. Nipmuck

ii. Massachusett

iii. Wompanog

iv. Narragansett

The Committee hopes to connect with members of these local tribes in hopes of collaborating and representing them in the future.

H. Review brainstorm points from last meeting

- a. Bigger event including more tables/tents
 - i. Tribes
 - ii. Merchants
 - iii. Art
 - iv. Music
 - v. Food/ Food Trucks

I. Outstanding Ideas from 2022

- a. Blessing Ceremony
- b. Street Names
- c. Ishmael Coffee
- d. Plaques around town- at historic and open space cites
 - i. QR codes/ Walking Tour
 - 1. Identifying Historical Significance
 - 2. Identifying Native Plants, Mushrooms, Wildlife
 - 3. Native use of land

Jo-Ann hopes to carry on the Blessing Ceremony in the upcoming year. Ishmael Coffee is a popular indigenous figure from the town that is celebrated with things like street names. Jo-Ann wonders if there is something the group can do independently of the tribes to honor and celebrate the local tribes. Discussion about items like plaques is had with the possibility of using some budget money from last year if possible. A potential idea for a plaque at Chote Park to identify what that land was once used for by natives in this area as a way of connecting the native tribes to today.

J. Promotion

- a. Updating the IPD Town Committee Page
 - i. Pictures of the event from last year
 - 1. Collecting Pictures from IPD 2022
 - a. Medway Cable Access

Email address on the website was wrong, but is now fixed. The IT department will be able to upload pictures of the event from last year. Jo-Ann hasn't heard back from Cable Access yet about posting clips from last year's event.

- b. Attendees
- c. Committee Member
- b. Update on Potential use of Facebook
 - Moved to discuss next meeting

- c. Approve Thank You cards
 - i. Select Board
 - ii. School Committee
 - iii. Historical Society
 - iv. Massachusetts Tribe
 - v. Library Trustees
 - vi. Open Spaces & Trails
 - vii. Parks & Recreation
 - viii. Brittany Wally

Discussion for other potential Thank You card recipients moved to the next meeting.
Jo-Ann will bring in and Liam will bring a projector to show the group and edit together next time.

K. Identify next meeting agenda topics:

L. Set Next Meeting Date and Time: Wednesday, January 4, 2023

M. Adjourn

Liam made the motion to adjourn at 7:29pm, seconded by Jo-Ann.