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VCNAA Meeting Minutes
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Members Present: Lucy Cannon-Neel, Chair, Jeffrey Benay, Vice-Chair, Charlene McManis, Secretary, Andrew Beaupré, Walker Brook, Shirly Hook, Patricia Johnson, Mark Mitchell, Trudy Ann Parker.

Guests: Doug Bent, Braintree; Donald H. Parker, Lunenburg; Dale Azaria, DHP; John Moody, Sharon; Michael Tierney, Montpelier; Diana Tierney, Montpelier; Kathleen Blake, Greenland, N. H.; Art Hanchett, Thetford Center; Nate Pero, W. Fairlee; Paul Bunnell, Weare, N. H.; Duncan Mathewson, Middlebury; Auburn Watersong, Montpelier; Jim Masland; Lorna Garfield, Island Pond; Michael Descoteaux, Concord; Jean Burbo, Newark; Charley Burbo, Newark; Rebecca Bailey; Fred Wiseman; Peggy Fullerton; Cheryl O'Neil; Trudy Thomas, DHP; Jess Robinson, DHP.

The meeting was brought to order by Lucy at 1:04pm at the State House. The Chair asked to keep Carol Irons in our prayers due to a recent car accident. Lucy read the hearing outlines for the meeting.

1. Public Comment

No public comment

2. Revisions/Changes

The Chair added the election of chair.

3. Approving October 8th minutes

Jeff moved to accept October 8th minutes. Patricia seconded. Andy moved to accept the minutes as written. Walker seconded. All agreed.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Electing the Chair

Jeff moved to accept Lucy as Chair. Mark seconded. Andy moved to cease all nominations. All agreed. Shirly moved to accept Jeff as Vice-Chair. Walker seconded. All agreed.

2. Resubmission of Koasek Traditional Band Application

The meeting was open up for open forum for the testimony. Three offered testimony at this time. Rebecca Bailey addressed the commission regarding the name confusion. Rebecca passed out an email regarding the name change between two tribes.

Cheryl O'Neill spoke regarding about her relationship with the applicant. She noticed a discrepancy in the applicant's tribal card verbiage.

Doug Bent spoke about the two tribes using the same name.

Rebecca Bailey, using Doug Bent's remaining minutes, continue her speech regarding tribal name confusion.

Lucy moved to break at 1:30pm.
The meeting reconvened at 1:50pm.

Jim Masland spoke for the applicant. He does not dispute by the most recent scholar that the application could be better edited and organized but rather not to discount the body of the document.

Paul and Nate were asked if they wished to speak at this open forum. They declined.

In regard to the logo and name recognition, Dale will continue to research the legal aspects, submitting her findings at the next meeting. Andy stated all members have 30 days to read and comment the last scholar report. Discussion was held regarding geographical territories of all tribes. The question was asked regarding the geographical region of the applicant. According to Paul and Nate, it is Orange and Northern Windsor Counties.

Charlene inquired about the tribal card's verbiage. The subject matter was based previous 2006 Vermont law. Fred Wiseman clarified the confusion of the 2006 law and the tribal card. Jim Masland agreed the John Moody spoke about sovereignty.

Andy asked if the applicant wishes to keep the name as stated. Discussion was held. The name will remain as stated.

The question was asked regarding what were the next procedures. Andy stated there will be a 30 day period from now to respond the scholar report. Deadline will be December 12th. Commission will take up the question of the application in January and vote. Three commission members will be writing their findings on the application. Discussion was held regarding the confusion of names and place.

Discussion was held regarding the redacting of some information via Paul's email. Discussion was held regarding striking out or blacking out the document. Dale stated blacking out the information was acceptable. Discussion was held regarding the document submission.

Andy moved that the commission edit all those pages, material removed at the request of the applicant. Charlene seconded. Discussion was held. Nate requested to have the email back. Paul stated the commission move forward on the motion. All agreed. Discussion was held regarding letters in support of the applicant. Andy requested that the letters with Lucy be sent to all the commission members.

3. Strategic Planning

Tabled.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Native American Commerce with Michael Descoteaux

Michael was informed by the secretary what steps he needed to move forward in his quest of information.

2. Grant Writing/Business Plan classes

Tabled.

3. Action Plans

Tabled.

4. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on January 14th 2015 in the 133 State Building, Basement Room 21, Montpelier.

5. Announcements

Lucy thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and to all Veteran & Non-Veterans for serving.

Moved to adjourned to 2:37pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene McManis
Secretary