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**VCNAA MEETING AGENDA**

June 14, 2023

1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Kosek Tribal Gardens

Allen Bent Road, Braintree, VT

1. Commission members and guests reminder to sign in (5 min)
2. New member welcome? – if governor’s appt. has been made (5 min)
3. Meeting protocols & expectations (5 min)
4. Changes to the Agenda (5 min)
5. Approve May meeting minutes (5 min)

**Old Business**

1. Legislative Caucus 2023 action items – tobacco exemption, support (10 min)
2. Act 182 (2022) Land Access & Opportunity Board report (Dan Coutu) (5 min)
3. Act 142 (2022) Racial Justice Statistics Advisory Council (Stacy Gould) (5 min)
4. Act 154 (2022) Environmental Justice Advisory Council (Rich Holschuh) (5 min)
5. Act 174 (2020) Vermont State Parks - Abenaki waymarking (5 min)
6. Act 128 (2022) VT Truth & Reconciliation Commission -TRC (Melody Mackin), also: positions for hire (10 min)
7. Act 152 (2022) Nondiscriminatory school branding/mascots (5 min)
8. VT Health Equity Advisory Council (HEAC) ongoing (Jeff Benay)(5 min)
9. Seventh Generation Curriculum Grant Committee report (Jeff Benay) (5 min)
10. Possible Mark Mitchell scholarship concept (5 min)

**New Business**

1. Community Service Award for 2023 (10 min)
2. Possible presentation from VT Law & Graduate School delegation: President Rod Smolla, Student Bar Association (SBA), Native American Law Student Association (NALSA) , new scholarship opportunities announced (20 min)
3. Executive Session protocol discussion - Open Meeting Law requirements (10 min)
4. Tribal representative reports
5. Announcements/Upcoming Events  
Abenaki Heritage Weekend June 17-18 Lake Champlain Maritime Museum  
Swanton Town Park June 24 (?) Dick Menard Honoring event  
Nulhegan Bow Hunting Safety course (July-Aug)
6. Public comments