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VCNAA MEETING AGENDA

May 10, 2023

1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

One National Life Drive, Davis Building – 6th Floor
Calvin Coolidge Conference Room
Montpelier, VT
and

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Deanna Edwards
Open Seat

1. Commission members and guests reminder to sign in (5 min)
2. New member welcome – Deanna Edwards, Nulhegan (5 min)
3. Meeting protocols & expectations (5 min)
4. Changes to the Agenda (5 min)
5. Approve April meeting minutes (5 min)
6. June meeting to be held Koasek Tribal Gardens, Braintree. Potluck lunch at noon, regular meeting from 1-4 pm, tribal leadership invited, no remote access, VT Law & Graduate School possible presentation (10 min)

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OLD BUSINESS

1. Legislative Caucus 2023 action items – tobacco, trapping, support (10 min)
2. Act 182 (2022) Land Access & Opportunity Board report (Rich Holschuh) (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 (5 min)
7. Act 152 (2022) Nondiscriminatory school branding/mascots (5 min)
8. Seventh Generation Curriculum Grant Committee report (Jeff Benay) (5 min)

NEW BUSINESS

1. Jayna Ahsaf, The National Council for Incarcerated and Formerly Incarcerated Women and Girls, carceral reform presentation (15 min)
2. Report on UVM April 28th event “Indigenous Sovereignty...” (10 min)

3. VCNAA Press Conference VT State House May 2nd (20 min) Read resolutions:
4. Governor's 4/26 Proclamation of Abenaki Recognition & Heritage Week May 1-7
5. VT House Resolution 5/2 in support of Vermont Abenaki
6. VT Senate Resolution 5/4 in support of Vermont Abenaki
7. Joint VT US Congressional delegation letter of support of Vermont Abenaki
8. VCNAA affirmative votes for Doctrine of Discovery Repudiation and launch of VT TRC
9. VCNAA representation to Health Equity Advisory Council (5 min)
10. Possible Mark Mitchell scholarship concept (10 min)
11. Tribal representative reports
12. Announcements/Upcoming Events
13. Public comments