



SENECA-CAYUGA NATION

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE	Monday, July 31, 2023	TIME PLACE	6pm CDT Tribal HQ + Zoom	FACILITATOR	Carrie Kneeland
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MEMBERS			
Roberta Smith	Present	Scott B Goode	Not Present
Carrie Kneeland	Present - Zoom	Angela Anglen Kelley	Present
Natalie Dixon	Present - Zoom	Earlyne Gentry	Present
Diana Baker	Present	Jo Lynn Gentry	Present - Zoom
Yvonne Perryman-Matthews	Present	Others Present	Dennis Sisco (partly)

TIME	ITEM	OWNER
6:06pm	<p>Called to Order - Quorum established at the Seneca-Cayuga Nation's regular Constitution Committee meeting.</p>	Carrie
	<p>Approval of Previous Minutes – July 17, 2023 minutes spoken to, no corrections or amendments to the record – minutes APPROVED via Motion #8 (Roberta/Diana)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>CERTIFICATION</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">On <u>7/31/2023</u> the minutes of <u>7/17/2023</u> were approved by unanimous committee consent. Copy emailed to BC Secretary on <u>08/2/2023</u>.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Attest: <u><i>Natalie Dixon</i></u> Natalie Dixon, Secretary</p>	Natalie
	Housekeeping	Natalie

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Roll Call ii. Approval of Previous Meetings Minutes - July 17, 2023 iii. Confirmation of next meeting - August 14, 2023 @ 6pm 	
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Minutes Begin		
	<p>Secretary's Recall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • July 28th text brought 20+ more responses, up to 81 total • Interpreting data for Town Hall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Updated graphs & conclusions ○ Validating input already received ○ Issues as the Committee agrees upon them • New discussion over survey Input tabled to August 14th 	Natalie
	<p>Town Hall work plan & discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natalie to get ahold of Joanna Hadley to confirm logistics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Supplies should be there this week • Present Committee members agree to gather by noon to set-up for Town Hall • Agenda for Town Hall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Carrie to do intro – define what these Town Halls are, an outline of the process to let ppl know ○ She will also make sure we keep on track and allow for good discussion • Future Town Halls <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ First Town Hall is for more input before we begin the revisions process ○ Next three Town Halls will be for Progress Updates, continuing to listen to community input and wishes • Agenda continued <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Natalie to do updated presentation with graphs and high level survey data analysis, validate input of community members, segue into; 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Roberta to speak to electoral boundaries and that being solely the kind of boundary we have to work with ○ Our goal is to make tribal members feel confident about this work ○ Prior to Natalie's presentation a joint statement by Scott and Jo Lynn to be read in order to help educate the people about this work, how it impacts our futures, etc. Being written by 2 SCN members who are also attorneys will help people to trust this process, as well as be good to give Jo Lynn a voice during this meeting ○ Open Forum to start by 1:30, we need to start at 1pm ● Protocol <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Microphone to be brought around, handed to speaking parties ○ Natalie to take notes for Chair's Report on Town Hall ○ Anonymous box for ppl – Questions will not be read in the Q&A part of the meeting but instead at our next meeting ● Role of Town Hall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ These meetings will allow us to foster discussion with community and it addresses a previous SCN member request on having open meetings with the Constitution Committee during this process ● Newsletter Content <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ All Committee present will take pictures ○ Will report on community discussion in newsletter, draft deadline is September 1 ● Future Town Halls <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Gathering this data, next town halls will have specific categories and/or subjects for discussion 	
6:55pm	<p>Professional consultant discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Need scope of work in order to engage with a professional ● Request for Qualifications: attorney who specializes in Indian law, practical knowledge on tribal government operations 	
	<p>Town Hall work plan & discussion cont</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Futurisms regarding tribal government – we have the opportunity to step outside of the pre-defined BIA box 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What does total govt reform look like? What is practical for our community? 	
	<p>Professional consultant discussion cont</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full govt reform not necessarily required here, not like Jim Gray's expertise • Attorneys are good for rewrite but not complete governmental reform • Consultant review can easily wait after we begin substantial work and have enough for review and further discussion • Dennis is also a great person to review articles as we write them, has institutional knowledge and knows our history 	
	<p>Values discussion – what cultural do we want present in our Constitution?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to strike a fine line between representing ourselves but not forcing others to practice something they aren't open to • Rights of nature as a representation of values congruent with Indigenous worldviews 	
	<p>Professional consultant discussion cont</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional Qualification: Practical knowledge of tribal government operations, including federal legislation and day-to-day realities 	
	<p>Current tribal government revision discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grievance Committee chosen independent of Business Committee • Grievance Committee governed by General Council • Full govt reform is going to be too expensive as we are not able to self-sustain economically that big of a process 	
	<p>Tribal Council powers of other Native Nations discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agua Caliente Band of Mission Indians constitution, Article V relevant to Tribal Council 	
	Natalie to send out 10 issues, survey results, + working doc	Natalie
	Professional consultant discussion tabled	
	Next meeting discussion	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • August 14th @ 6pm, 1 hour of meeting devoted to Town Hall findings and other hour devoted to beginning revision of Constitution articles 	
7:51pm	Meeting Adjourned by Group Consensus	