



SENECA-CAYUGA NATION

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE	Monday, July 10, 2023	TIME PLACE	6pm CDT Tribal HQ + Zoom	FACILITATOR	Carrie Kneeland
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MEMBERS			
Roberta Smith	Present later - Zoom	Scott B Goode	Present - Zoom
Carrie Kneeland	Present	Angela Anglen Kelley	Present
Natalie Dixon	Present - Zoom	Earlyne Gentry	Present
Diana Baker	Present - Zoom	Jo Lynn Gentry	Present - Zoom
Yvonne Perryman- Matthews	Present	Others Present	Dennis Sisco

TIME	ITEM	OWNER
6:08pm	<p>Called to Order - Quorum established at the Seneca-Cayuga Nation's regular Constitution Committee meeting.</p>	Carrie
	<p>Approval of Previous Minutes – June 26, 2023 minutes spoken to, no corrections or amendments to the record – minutes APPROVED</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>CERTIFICATION</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">On __07/10/23__ the minutes of __06/26/2023__ were approved by unanimous committee consent. Copy emailed to BC Secretary on __7/12/2023__.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Attest: <u><i>Natalie Dixon</i></u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Natalie Dixon, Secretary</p>	Natalie

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	<p>Housekeeping</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Roll Call ii. Agreement as to Agenda iii. Previous Meeting's Minutes Approval – June 26, 2023 iv. Confirmation of next meeting - July 17, 2023 @ 6pm 	Natalie
	<p>Meeting Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housekeeping • Secretary's Report • Roberta to speak to conversation with Dennis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ball rolling with Chief as to contact with BIA regarding constitutional work • Newsletter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Content ○ Group Photo Inclusion • August 5 Town Hall Conversation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Date(s) to Text the Community ○ Items for Agenda ○ Serving more than beverages? Who does what ○ Committee attendance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Important questions and answers for meeting ▪ Structure of meeting • Addressing the BC July 11, 2023 for additional funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Town Hall catering ○ Professional Fees – how much and who, if at all? ○ BC Meeting Attendance • Any Other Business 	
Minutes Begin		
	<p>Secretary's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No new survey responses • Review of Literature – The Great Law, Rethinking Rewriting: Tribal Constitutional Amendment and Reform by Hipp, Developing Effective Process of American Indian Constitutional and Governmental Reform by Lemont • Review of the Field – time left, realities of other Nations, researching treaty rights taking time • Approval of Text Notification to Tribal Members • Civic Education during this process as a mode of effecting change via Town Halls 	Natalie

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scrap Preamble work until further work happens on Constitution 	
	<p>Constitution Advisory Committee Town Hall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town Hall vs Community Forum language • Business Committee meeting for July 11, 2023 @ 6pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Committee Attendees to include Carrie, Scott, Earlyne, possibly Diana and Roberta ○ Extension of Committee terms from April 15 to May 31 2024 – due to timing issues we did not start work as soon as we elected each other, late start ○ Approval for community Town Halls on the following dates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ August 5, November 4, Feb 3, May 4 all dates 1-4pm ▪ Use of Community Building with alternate being AOA in case of funerals or construction ▪ Video wall use if not August 5th then by Nov 4 ○ Town Hall Catering budget line item request for \$1000.00 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Beverages and a snack for Town Halls ▪ Future funding may be requested depending on Town Hall turnouts ○ Professional fees budget line item request for \$5000.00 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Expert advice needed to fulfill our due diligence as a Constitution Committee ▪ May be used for the fees for Tribal Constitution Reform experts, relevant subject matter attorneys, or other relevant subject matter professionals as determined by the Committee ▪ Further funding may be requested depending on the requirements of future work undergone • Texting Tribal Members – July 14th, July 28th, August 3rd <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Natalie to set up with Nicole ○ Content for first message on July 14th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Are you a SCN Tribal Member looking to have your voice heard in our tribal government? Take a moment to fill out the SCN Constitution Advisory Committee 	

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	<p>Survey here: https://forms.gle/8UxPSLJfCjY7F8x8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Stay tuned for a Town Hall on our Constitution on August 5th, from 1-4pm at our Community Building at the grounds (construction permitting) and future Town Hall dates in this Fall's newsletter! • Logistics of August 5, 2023 Town Hall from 1-4pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Present will be whole Committee minus Jo Lynn and Natalie ○ Further discussion with Dennis and/or Joanna needed as to protocol for purchase of food and beverages, protocol for community gatherings ○ Angela to buy supplies and work with other Committee members as needed, can facilitate with the AOA as needed. • Light discussion on topics for Town Hall 	
	Group Consensus to Table Dennis + Roberta's Agenda Item	
7:03pm	Roberta Arrives	
	<p>Town Hall Discussion Continues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda Items for Town Hall, discussions as to structure of meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Committee experiences spoken to while in review of Constitution, thorough review needed by constituents, item by item ○ Issues as seen by the Committee – list to be compiled for public consumption <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 10 issues as seen by each Committee member compiled and sent to Natalie by July 31 ▪ Natalie to reconcile and create a list to be presented at Town Hall for further Community Discussion • Tribal Government Reform vs Amendment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Role of ordinances in our tribal government vs placement in a Constitution – Constitutionally protected rights vs BC Ordinances and what our work can be in regards to reconciling the two ○ Big Picture role of Constitution/By-laws, interaction as subnational government with amendment in legal theory - Hipp article from Sew relevant • Paperwork for Tribal Members 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Natalie to arrange for Nicole to have copies of Constitution and Survey printed up and ready for August 5 ○ Other literature TBD 	
	<p>Newsletter Pages Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Natalie to speak to Joanna about a hard deadline ● Report on Aug 5 Town Hall + future Town Hall dates & topics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Nov 4, Feb 3, May 4 @ 1-4pm ○ Beverages and a snack provided ○ Video wall future possibilities if not on ● Group photo at our dinner during Green Corn, for newsletter ● Photos of Town Hall possible to include 	
	<p>Roberta and Dennis conversation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● BC needs to pass a resolution to contact the BIA if we move forward with tangible work ● Until there is more fully formed work done by the Committee there is no current need to contact the BIA to give notice of Constitutional Reform or Amendment 	
	<p>Preamble discussion tabled by group consensus, a possible topic for August 5 or other future Town Hall</p>	
	<p>Discussion over land language in corporate charter, fee vs trust lands, Territory and Jurisdiction articles in other Constitutions</p>	
	<p>Discussion over current age of voting, historical SCN policy, other countries' suffrage ages</p>	
7:59pm	Meeting Adjourned by Group Consensus	