

AHS Mascot Committee Meeting Minutes #4

Thursday, August 26, 2021

AHS Library 7:00 PM

Attendees:

Miesha Acevedo, Kerri Dalton, Paul DiLorenzo, Glen Gearin, Paige Hanson, Hannah Schalck, Tom Waldron, Sam Wilmot

Members not present: Libby Arsenault, Peter Campbell, Robert Capelli, Callista Chabot, Kristen Comeau, Chris DiNuzzio, Steve Gross, Alexandra Labrecque, Marc Ouellet, Aidan Whittier

One member of the public present

Administrative Items:

- Minutes of August 12th meeting were reviewed but not voted on (not enough members in attendance)
- Glen received a letter and will read it at our next meeting on 9/9/21

Discussions and Task Items:

- **History of the AHS “Indian” mascot:**
 - Meghan Fahey, the Amesbury Public Library archivist, retrieved documents from library archives and emailed the file to Glen and Kerri; we saved the file to our shared committee folder for members to review (newspaper articles, letters, etc.)
- **Guest Speakers:**
 - Gene Weeden, a local private citizen of Apachee and Narragansett descent, spoke in support of continuing the use of the Indian mascot; he is proud to see the use of what he considers positive imagery although he would like to see education on local Natives become required curriculum in our schools
 - Miesha will bring a guest speaker to our next meeting on 9/9
- **Surveys**
 - Finalized survey questions and format (mandatory fields, drop-downs, etc.)
 - Miesha will create survey using Google Forms
 - Survey will be open to respondents for one week (M-F); dates to be determined
 - Survey will be available via City of Amesbury website, Mayor’s phone notification system, social media (FB Amesbury Talks, alum groups, etc.)
 - HS students will receive survey in their school email and have the opportunity to answer it during “WIN” block

Next AHS Mascot Committee Meeting Thursday, September 9th @ 7:00 PM in AHS Library