



# *Narragansett Indian Tribe*

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Dear Fellow Tribal Members,

As the Chief Sachem of the Narragansett Indian Tribe, I am honored to provide an update of the activities spanning the dates 9/18/20 till 8/2/21. The Chief Sachem, Tribal Council, Tribal Directors, and Tribal Staff have done an incredible job providing services to more tribal members than any previous time since Federal Recognition. The COVID-19 Pandemic is once again on the rise and has taken a tremendous effort to service the Tribal public to the best of our combined ability. We have tried to inform the Tribal members of the latest of the latest news about the Corona Virus/COvid-19 Pandemic. We have provided information, nutritional support, health care supplies, PPE, and whatever the Federal regulations will allow to the members of the Narragansett Indian Tribe. Once again due to the Covid-19 Pandemic we cannot hold our 346<sup>th</sup> Annual August Meeting. At the time I want to acknowledge the various contributions in the ways of strategy and guidance by in no particular order the War Chief, Medicine Man, Medicine Woman, Church Board, and other individuals who have continually supported this current administration and Tribal Government during this difficult time. So far, we have been able to allow the tribal membership to have access to Schoolhouse and Deep Pond. This Pandemic is once again on the rise and we must take every possible precaution to try to ensure all possible safety precautions are being utilized for the safety and wellbeing of all our Tribal Members. We have the necessary equipment in order to attempt to have a "Zoom" meeting on September 11, 2021 at 10:00am. We are still in the process of getting this meeting set up and will inform the Tribal Assembly by mail, e-mail, and Tribal Webpage of the information needed to have such a meeting. After this meeting we are going to try to have two Tribal Assembly Meetings on the tribal lands in October. The major focus of these meetings will be to swear in Tribal Members that have provisional numbers in front of the Tribal Assembly and to hold vote to fill the upcoming vacancies on the Tribal Election Committee to allow us to have a three-seat council election in January 2022.

Below you will find a list of activities that are ongoing from last year to this year. Please note that they are listed in no particular order:

- Completed the F.Y. 2019 Tribal Audit
- In process of completing F.Y. 2020 Tribal Audit
- In process of repairing all Tribal Roads

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- Continued work and plans for the Crandall Farm.
- Continued with litigation on Viaduct project in order to increase land holdings at Schoolhouse Pond and Camp Davis.
- Continued with litigation on property of Salt Pond.
- Continuing in pursuit of Great Swamp Land.
- Continuing in litigation concerning the Opioid Crisis.
- Continuing talks with Brown University.
- Continuing talks with the University of Rhode Island.
- Continuing talks with Haffenreffer Museum.
- In process of meeting with the Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland
- Held initial meeting with Rhode Island Governor Dan McKee
- Continued business discussions with Rhode Island Senator Jack Reed
- Continued business discussions with Rhode Island Senator Sheldon Whitehouse.
- In process of scheduling a meeting with Rhode Island Attorney General Peter Neronha.
- In process of making our Tribal Housing Policies more user friendly.
- Continuing plan to reorganize and restructure the Tribal Health Center.
- We have a feasibility/marketability study being completed on what could be done on Tribal Land.
- Continued developing strategy on potential economic development for the Narragansett Indian Tribe.
- Continued in pursuing Broadband capabilities and potential usages for the Narragansett Indian Tribe
- Fulfilled traditional, ceremonial, and cultural obligations for our 346<sup>th</sup> annual August Meeting/Powwow.

The below projects will be completed by the end of September 2021:

- Renovations at the Tribal Police Station.
- Renovations at the Tribal Day Care Center.
- Renovation at the Tribal Meal Site.
- Renovations at the Tribal Senior Center.
- Renovations at the North Wind building.

In conclusion I want to recognize all of the individuals we have lost due to Covid-19, and all of the other Tribal Members that have passed away during these troubled times. This virus is unrelenting, and unforgiving. I ask each and every one of you to take the necessary precautions to safeguard yourself and your loved ones. Please remember constant handwashing, sanitizing, and as the Delta variant ramps up, mask up.

Respectfully



Chief Sachem Anthony Dean Stanton

# **NARRAGANSETT INDIAN TRIBE**

## **Tribal Body Meeting**

**September 11, 2021**

10:00 a.m.

Zoom Virtual Meeting

### **AGENDA**

- Tribal Government update
- Tribal Election Committee update
- COVID-19 update

To participate in the Zoom meeting, please provide your name, Tribal enrollment number, and email address to [Nitribalsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:Nitribalsecretary@gmail.com) on or before September 3, 2021. Once tribal enrollment has been verified, you will be sent the Zoom meeting link.

### **\*\*\*Reminder\*\*\***

Please make sure that the Tribal Secretary has your current mailing address. We welcome voluntary requests for members who want to be removed from the mailing list and opt to only receive email notifications. Please send your email address to [Nitribalsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:Nitribalsecretary@gmail.com) if you would like to be included in email notifications.