

Narragansett Indian Tribe

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Chief Sachem's Office

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Dear Fellow Tribal Members,

As the Chief Sachem of the Narragansett Indian Tribe, I am honored to provide this year end accounting on activities that have occurred up to 2/28/2022. I would like to take the time to recognize the Tribal Council, Tribal Directors and their respective staff collectively on an outstanding job providing services to our Tribal members, the most services provided than any time in modern history!

The Covid-19 Pandemic continued to make life and business very difficult during this past calendar year, and continues to cause difficulties still. We have continued to provide up to date information, health care supplies, and nutritional support whenever possible.

The Tribal Government has fulfilled its ceremonial, cultural, and traditional obligations for the three hundred forty sixth annual August Meeting, the Great Swamp Pilgrimage, and the October Thanksgiving for 2021. The Tribal Government and I look forward to the day where the threat of Covid-19 diminishes, and we can once again safely gather.

We have established a forum for Zoom meetings with the Tribal Assembly, and continue to pursue ways to upgrade our technological services for better communication within the Tribe. We have continued open dialogue regarding the possibility of swearing in Tribal Members on the Tribal Grounds during the months of June, July, and August of 2022. In order for this to occur, an announcement must be provided 45 days in advance from the first projected swearing in date. The intent is to swear in all of the members who have met the criteria during the respective ninety-day period (June-August). The swearing in ceremonies will be performed on the dates scheduled for the end of the month Tribal meetings.

The Tribal Government will, in the near future, establish a phone hot line, and email address that will allow tribal members to ask and submit questions.

The Tribal Election Committee has been seated and will announce the date for the upcoming council election for the three seats up on Tribal Council.

Attached please find a list of activities that are ongoing or have been completed. Please note that they are listed in no particular order:

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- Distribution of nutritional supplementation (food baskets) for Tribal Seniors. Many thanks to the Tribal Members, Staff, and Tribal Government alike in working on this endeavor. I was impressed with the team work and extra effort put forth to make these nutritional supplementation distributions a success.
- Completed acquisition of Great Swamp lands.
- Completed FY 2020 audit
- Continued work on all Tribal roads
- Continued work on Crandall Farm
- Continued with Litigation on Viaduct project in order to increase land holdings at school house pond, Salt Pond, and Camp Davis.
- Continued work on Opioid settlement.
- Continued dialogue with Brown University.
- Continued dialogue with the University of Rhode Island.
- Met with, and working towards quarterly meetings with Rhode Island Governor Dan McKee
- Continued dialogue with Secretary Haaland of the Department of the Interior.
- Continued dialogue with Rhode Island Senators.
- Continued work on establishing a meeting with Rhode Island Attorney General Peter Nehrora.
- Continued work with the Tribe's Housing Department on an upgrade of policies.
- Continued work on a plan to reenergize and reorganize the Tribe's Health Center.
- Will soon have economic feasibility survey to review with the Tribal Assembly
- Continued plans for a Tribal construction company.
- Continued planning for broad band communications and potential usages
- Continued with renovations of the Tribe's police station.
- Continued renovations at the Tribe's Senior Center.
- Continued renovations at the North Wind building.
- Working with the Town of Narragansett towards a more solvent relationship.
- Continued to serve Tribal Membership with both Cares Act and American Rescue Plan Act Funds.

In conclusion I would like to pause to recognize all of the Tribal Members that we have lost over the past year.

Looking ahead into this New Year, it is recognized that at times it will be difficult. However, with our combined strength and intestinal fortitude we will be able to continue to rebuild our Tribe for the future generations.

As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions. Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,


 Anthony Dean Stanton
 Chief Sachem