



Eastern Pequot Tribal Nation

**Eastern Pequot
Tribal Nation
Tribal Council**

June 19, 2020

**Katherine
Sebastian Dring,
J.D.**
Chairwoman

Mike Urgo – First Selectman
40 Main Street
North Stonington Ct 06359

Dear Mr. Urgo

Brenda Geer
Vice Chairwoman

**Lynn Powers,
MSM**
Recording
Secretary

The Eastern Pequot Tribal Nation (EPTN) is a historic Connecticut state recognized Indian tribe. See CT General Statute's 47-59a https://www.cga.ct.gov/current/pub/chap_824.htm#sec_47-59a. The Eastern Pequot Tribal Nation has continuously occupied and controlled their 224 acre reservation, established in 1683, one of the oldest Native American reservations in the country. The Eastern Pequot Tribal Nation reservation is located on Wright Road and Lantern Hill Road in North Stonington, Connecticut. The tribe consists of 1,246 members.

Ashbow Sebastian
Comptroller

The Eastern Pequot Tribal Nation is a sovereign nation governed by its Constitution and Tribal Council. A major long term goal of the tribe is to gain federal acknowledgement to assist tribal members in attaining self-sufficiency. After 22 years of working with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), the BIA granted the EPTN a preliminary positive decision in 2000 and final positive decision in 2002. In an unprecedented appeal by the State of Connecticut and towns the Interior Board of Indian Appeals in 2005 reversed the decision. The Eastern Pequot Tribal Nation is seeking to regain its federal recognition through the new BIA acknowledgment regulations pursuant to 25 CFR section 83.12.

**Joanne Silva-
Njoku**
Corresponding
Secretary

Tyrone Gambrell
Councilor

Carole Maddox
Councilor

The Eastern Pequot Tribal Nation's mission is to protect our sovereignty, conserve and develop our tribal resources, and promote the self-sufficiency of our people and our descendants. The tribe continues to strive to meet these goals for a better life for the people. The tribe has a great public health and safety need for a regular source of water for drinking and washing. We need to develop a community well and septic system on Wright Road as we work on our land and develop our community garden. We are seeking assistance from CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, towns, or other resources.

Natasha Gambrell
Councilor

Shianne Sebastian
Councilor

Please visit our website for a comprehensive review of our history, reservation, archaeology and community development projects. <http://www.easternpequottribalnation.com/>

Mitchel Ray
Councilor

Stephen Randall
Councilor

"Kutaputush" = Thank you.

Valerie Gambrell
Councilor

Katherine Sebastian Dring, Chairwoman
Eastern Pequot Tribal Nation

Larry Pemberton
Councilor

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