



**MASHPEE WAMPANOAG TRIBE
REGULAR TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING**
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Community/Government Center
Tribal Council Chambers – 483 Great Neck Rd S – Mashpee, MA 02649
Wednesday, February 8, 2023-5:30p.m.-8:00p.m.
Also Available via Zoom
Meeting Minutes

(Approved 3/15/23)

Call to Order

Chairman Brian Weeden called to order the Regular Tribal Council Meeting on Wednesday, February 8, 2023 at 5:40p.m.

Regular session began at 5:40p.m.

Entered into Executive session at 7:44p.m.

Exited Executive session at 8:14p.m.

Regular session adjourned at 8:15p.m.

Members in Attendance

Chairman Brian Weeden, Vice Chairman Carlton Hendricks, Jr., Secretary Cassie Jackson, Treasurer Charles Foster, Councilwoman Edwina Johnson-Graham, Councilman Domingo Tiexeira, Councilman Nelson Andrews, Jr. (via zoom), Councilman David Weeden, Councilman Aaron Tobey, Jr., Councilwoman Yvonne Avant

Guests: Attorney Rebekah Salguero, Attorney Jeff Loeb

Excused Absence: Councilwoman Rita Gonsalves

Opening Prayer

Councilwoman Yvonne Avant

Commencement

Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd by Councilwoman Johnson-Graham to commence the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council Regular meeting at 483 Great Neck Road South, Mashpee, MA 02649 and via zoom on Wednesday, February 8, 2023 at 5:40p.m.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd by Treasurer Foster to accept and approve the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Regular meeting agenda of February 8, 2023.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd by Councilman Tiexeira to approve the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council Regular meeting minutes of January 11, 2023 with edits.

All those in favor: Vice Chairman Carlton Hendricks, Jr., Secretary Cassie Jackson, Councilwoman Edwina Johnson-Graham, Councilman Domingo Tiexeira, Councilman Nelson Andrews, Jr., Councilman David Weeden, Councilman Aaron Tobey, Jr., Councilwoman Yvonne Avant

All those abstained: Treasurer Foster

Motion passed

Motion made by Councilman Weeden 2nd by Secretary Jackson to approve the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council Emergency meeting minutes of January 18, 2023 with edits.

All those in favor: Vice Chairman Carlton Hendricks, Jr., Secretary Cassie Jackson, Councilwoman Edwina Johnson-Graham, Councilman Domingo Tiexeira, Councilman Nelson Andrews, Jr., Councilman David Weeden, Councilman Aaron Tobey, Jr., Councilwoman Yvonne Avant

All those abstained: Councilwoman Johnson-Graham, Treasurer Foster

Motion passed.

Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd by Vice Chairman Hendricks to approve the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council Emergency meeting minutes of January 24, 2023 with edits.

All those in favor: Vice Chairman Carlton Hendricks, Jr., Secretary Cassie Jackson, Councilwoman Edwina Johnson-Graham, Councilman Domingo Tiexeira, Councilman Nelson Andrews, Jr., Councilman David Weeden, Councilman Aaron Tobey, Jr., Councilwoman Yvonne Avant

All those abstained: Treasurer Foster

Motion passed.

Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd by Councilman Weeden to approve the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council Emergency meeting minutes of February 1, 2023 with edits.

All those in favor: Councilwoman Johnson-Graham, Secretary Jackson, Vice Chairman Hendricks, Councilman Andrews, Councilman Weeden, Councilman Tobey, Councilman Avant

All those abstained: Councilman Tiexeira, Treasurer Foster

Motion passed.

Appointments/Resignations

Housing Commission

Motion made by Councilman Weeden 2nd by Councilwoman Johnson-Graham to accept and approve Walter Frye to the Housing Commission.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilwoman Avant 2nd by Councilwoman Johnson-Grant to table the appointment of Paula Peters to the Housing Commission to be discussed in executive session.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Enrollment Committee

Motion made by Treasurer Foster 2nd by Councilwoman Johnson-Graham to accept and approve Natasha Cash to the Enrollment Committee.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Public Comment

Sonya Thornton

OLD BUSINESS

Emergency Votes/Ratifications

Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd Councilman Tiexeira to extend the approval of 2022-ORD-001

Emergency Tribal Ordinance Amending the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Election Ordinance for The 2023 Regular Election for an additional 30 days.

All those in favor: All those in favor: Councilwoman Johnson-Graham, Secretary Jackson, Vice Chairman Hendricks, Councilman Tiexeira, Councilman Andrews, Councilman Weeden, Councilman Tobey, Councilwoman Avant

*All those abstained: Treasurer Foster
Motion passed.*

Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira 2nd by Secretary Jackson to accept and approve the consensus vote circulated on January 12, 2023 to approve a waiver for Stanley Dutra.

All those in favor: All those in favor: Councilwoman Johnson-Graham, Secretary Jackson, Vice Chairman Hendricks, Councilman Tiexeira, Councilman Andrews, Councilman Weeden, Councilman Tobey, Councilwoman Avant

*All those abstained: Treasurer Foster
Motion passed.*

Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd by Councilman Tiexeira to accept and approve the consensus vote circulated on January 25, 2023 to approve a waiver for Allison Gonsalves.

All those in favor: All those in favor: Councilwoman Johnson-Graham, Secretary Jackson, Vice Chairman Hendricks, Councilman Tiexeira, Councilman Andrews, Councilman Weeden, Councilman Tobey, Councilwoman Avant

*All those abstained: Treasurer Foster
Motion passed.*

Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira 2nd by Secretary Jackson to accept and approve the consensus vote circulated on January 29, 2023 to approve a waiver for Rhonda Tobey.

All those in favor: All those in favor: Secretary Jackson, Vice Chairman Hendricks, Councilman Tiexeira, Councilman Andrews, Councilman Weeden, Councilman Tobey, Councilwoman Avant

All those opposed: Councilwoman Johnson-Graham

*All those abstained: Treasurer Foster
Motion passed.*

Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira 2nd by Secretary Jackson to ratify the emergency votes taken during the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council Emergency meeting dated January 18, 2023 for the 2023 operating budgets.

All those in favor: Councilwoman Johnson-Graham, Councilman Andrews, Councilman Weeden, Councilwoman Avant

All those opposed: Secretary Jackson, Vice Chairman Hendricks, Councilman Tiexeira, Councilman Tobey

*All those abstained: Treasurer Foster
Motion failed.*

Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd by Councilman Tiexeira to ratify the emergency vote taken during the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council Emergency meeting dated January 24, 2023 to authorize Tribal Council to oppose the appeal and the request for injunction filed by Ms. Stone.

All those in favor: Secretary Jackson, Vice Chairman Hendricks, Councilman Tiexeira, Councilman Andrews, Councilman Weeden, Councilwoman Avant

All those opposed: Councilman Tobey

*All those abstained: Councilwoman Johnson-Graham, Treasurer Foster
Motion passed.*

Motion made by Councilwoman Johnson-Graham 2nd by Councilman Tobey to ratify the emergency vote taken during the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council Emergency meeting dated February 1, 2023 to reconsider postponement of Charles Foster as Treasurer based upon new information.

All those in favor: Councilwoman Johnson-Graham, Councilman Andrews, Councilman Weeden, Councilman Tobey, Councilwoman Avant

All those opposed: Vice Chairman Hendricks

All those abstained: Secretary Jackson, Councilman Tiexeira

All those recused: Treasurer Foster

Motion failed.

Motion made by Councilwoman Johnson-Graham 2nd by Councilwoman Avant to reconsider the previous motion to reconsider postponement of Charles Foster as Treasurer based upon new information.

All those in favor: All those in favor: Councilwoman Johnson-Graham, Secretary Jackson, Vice Chairman Hendricks, Councilman Tiexeira, Councilman Andrews, Councilman Weeden, Councilman Tobey, Councilwoman Avant

All those recused: Treasurer Foster

Motion passed.

Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd by Councilwoman Johnson-Graham to ratify the emergency vote taken during the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council Emergency meeting dated February 1, 2023 to reconsider postponement of Charles Foster as Treasurer based upon new information.

All those in favor: Councilwoman Johnson-Graham, Secretary Jackson, Councilman Tiexeira, Councilman Andrews, Councilman Weeden, Councilman Tobey, Councilwoman Avant

All those opposed: Vice Chairman Hendricks

All those recused: Treasurer Foster

Meeting Dates

Discussed.

Operations Update

Youth Build Grant

Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd by Councilwoman Johnson-Graham to accept and approve 2023-RES-010 approval of U.S. Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration Youth Build Grant Submission.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Ana Grant Support

Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd by Treasurer Foster to accept and approve 2023-RES-011 Reaffirmation of The Tribe's Commitment to The Wopanaak Language Reclamation Project (WLRP), Adoption Of The WLRP Protocols And Support Of The 2023 DHHS ACF Ana Preservation & Maintenance Grant Application.

All those in favor: Councilwoman Johnson-Graham, Secretary Jackson, Councilman Tiexeira, Councilman Andrews, Councilman Weeden, Councilman Tobey, Councilwoman Avant, Treasurer Foster

All those not voting: Chairman Weeden.

Motion passed.

Note: Vice Chairman Hendricks chaired meeting during this vote as Chairman Weeden was conflicted.

Shakopee Foundation Grant Submittal

Motion made by Councilman Weeden 2nd by Secretary Jackson to accept and approve 2023-RES-012 Approval of Shakopee Foundation Culture & Language Grant.

All those in favor: Councilwoman Johnson-Graham, Secretary Jackson, Councilman Tiexeira, Councilman Andrews, Councilman Weeden, Councilman Tobey, Councilwoman Avant, Treasurer Foster

All those not voting: Chairman Weeden.

Motion passed.

Note: Vice Chairman Hendricks chaired meeting during this vote as Chairman Weeden was conflicted.

MWT Tribal Court- Administrator Rose

Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd by Councilman Weeden for Victoria Miranda to work with Liaison from EJC on amendments to the ordinance.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Tribal Opioid Settlement Approval

Motion made by Councilman Weeden 2nd by Secretary Jackson to accept and approve 2023-RES-013 Approval of Tribal Opioid Settlement and Participation and Release Form for the CVS Settlement.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilman Weeden 2nd by Secretary Jackson to accept and approve 2023-RES-014 Approval of Tribal Opioid Settlement and Participation and Release Form for the TEVA and Allergan Settlement.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilman Weeden 2nd by Treasurer Foster to accept and approve 2023-RES-015 Approval of Tribal Opioid Settlement and Participation and Release Form for the Walgreens Settlement.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilman Weeden 2nd by Councilwoman Johnson-Graham to accept and approve 2023-RES-016 Approval of Tribal Opioid Settlement and Participation and Release Form for the Walmart Settlement.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Liaison Reports

None

NEW BUSINESS

Housing Dept. Update

Motion made by Councilwoman Johnson-Graham 2nd by Councilman Tiexeira to table the discussion.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Horse Farm House Approval-Vice Chairman

Motion made by Vice Chairman Hendricks 2nd by Secretary Jackson to accept and approve 2023-RES-017 Approval and Authorization to Condemn Building Located at Maushop Farm.

Motion died.

Motion made by Vice Chairman Hendricks 2nd by Treasurer Foster to table the previous motion.

All those in favor: Councilwoman Johnson-Graham, Secretary Jackson, Councilman Weeden, Councilman Tobey, Councilwoman Avant, Treasurer Foster

*All those opposed: Vice Chairman Hendricks, Councilman Tiexeira, Councilman Andrews
Motion passed.*

Tribal Council Commemoration

*Motion made by Councilman Weeden 2nd by Councilwoman Johnson-Graham to accept and approve 2023-RES-018 Acknowledgement of Grant of Honorary Title of Dean of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council.
All those in favor: Councilwoman Johnson-Graham, Vice Chairman Hendricks, Councilman Tiexeira, Councilman Andrews, Councilman Weeden, Councilman Tobey, Treasurer Foster
All those not present: Secretary Jackson, Councilwoman Avant
Motion passed.*

NCAI Membership

*Motion made by Councilwoman Johnson-Graham 2nd by Treasurer Foster to accept and approve 2023-RES-019 Approval and Authorization of National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Tribal Membership.
All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.
Motion passed.*

USET Membership

*Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd by Councilman Weeden to accept and approve 2023-RES-020 Approval of USET Tribal Membership and Delegates.
All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.
Motion passed.*

Meeting Extension

*Motion made by Councilwoman Johnson-Graham 2nd by Councilwoman Avant to extend the meeting to 8:15p.m.
All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.
Motion passed.*

EXECUTIVE SESSION

*Motion made by Treasurer Foster 2nd by Councilwoman Johnson-Graham to enter into executive session at 7:44p.m.
All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.
Motion passed.*

Exited executive session at 8:14p.m.

ICWA Update

*Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira 2nd by Councilwoman Avant to support recommendation of the ICWA department for the tribal adoption.
All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.
Motion passed.*

Litigation Update

*Motion made by Treasurer Foster 2nd by Councilwoman Avant to start mediation with Calamar with Vice Chairman Hendricks being the negotiations representative.
All those in favor: Councilwoman Johnson-Graham, Secretary Jackson, Vice Chairman Hendricks, Councilman Tiexeira, Councilman Andrews, Councilman Weeden, Councilman Tobey, Councilwoman Avant
All those abstained: Treasurer Foster*

Motion passed.

Adjournment

Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira 2nd by Councilwoman Avant to adjourn the meeting at 8:15p.m.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cassie D. Jackson

MWTC Secretary

