



**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, April 12, 2023-5:30p.m.-8:00p.m.  
Also Available via Zoom  
Meeting Minutes  
(Approved 5/10/2023)**

**Call to Order**

Chairman Brian Weeden called to order the Regular Tribal Council Meeting on Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 5:34p.m.

Regular session began at 5:34p.m.

Entered into Executive session at 7:47p.m.

Exited Executive session at 8:28p.m.

Regular session adjourned at 8:29p.m.

**Members in Attendance**

Chairman Brian Weeden, Secretary Cassie Jackson, Treasurer Charles Foster, Councilman Domingo Tiexeira, Councilwoman Rita Gonsalves, Councilman Nelson Andrews, Jr., Councilman David Weeden, Councilwoman Nitana Greendeer, Councilwoman Roxanne Brown, Councilwoman Winona Pocknett

**Opening Prayer**

Chairman Brian Weeden

*Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Weeden to commence the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council Regular meeting at 483 Great Neck Road South, Mashpee, MA 02649 also via zoom on Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 5:34pm.*

*All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.*

*Motion passed.*

*Motion made by Councilman Andrews 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Weeden to accept and approve the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council Regular Meeting agenda of April 12, 2023 with edits.*

*All those in favor: Unanimous by all present*

*Motion passed.*

*Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira 2<sup>nd</sup> by Treasurer Foster to accept and approve the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council Special meeting minutes of Wednesday March 15, 2023 with edits.*

*All those in favor: Councilwoman Pocknett, Councilman Tiexeira, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman Andrews, Councilman Weeden, Councilwoman Greendeer, Councilwoman Brown, Treasurer Foster*

*All those abstained: Secretary Jackson*

*Motion passed.*

*Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira 2<sup>nd</sup> by Treasurer Foster to accept and approve the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council Emergency meeting minutes of Wednesday March 15, 2023 with edits.*

*All those in favor: Councilwoman Pocknett, Councilman Tiexeira, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman Andrews, Councilman Weeden, Councilwoman Greendeer, Councilwoman Brown, Treasurer Foster*  
*All those abstained: Secretary Jackson*  
*Motion passed.*

*Motion made by Treasurer Foster 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Pocknett to accept and approve the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council Emergency meeting minutes of Thursday March 23, 2023 with edits.*  
*All those in favor: Councilwoman Pocknett, Councilman Tiexeira, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman Andrews, Councilwoman Greendeer, Councilwoman Brown, Treasurer Foster*  
*All those abstained: Secretary Jackson, Councilman Weeden*  
*Motion passed.*

### **Appointments/Resignations**

*Motion made by Treasurer Foster 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Pocknett to table the appointment of Finance Committee.*  
*All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.*  
*Motion passed.*

*Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Brown to accept and approve Kyle Bassett resignation from the Community Development Corporation.*  
*All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.*  
*Motion passed.*

*Motion made by Treasurer Foster 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Weeden to accept and approve Delscena Hicks to the Powwow Committee.*  
*All those in favor: Councilwoman Pocknett, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman Andrews, Councilman Weeden, Councilwoman Greendeer, Councilwoman Brown, Treasurer Foster*  
*All those opposed: Councilman Tiexeira*  
*All those abstained: Secretary Jackson*  
*Motion passed.*

*Motion made by Treasurer Foster 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Weeden to accept and approve Jessie Baird to the Powwow Committee.*  
*All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.*  
*Motion passed.*

*Motion made by Treasurer Foster 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Pocknett to accept and approve Sonya Thornton to the Powwow Committee.*  
*All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.*  
*Motion passed.*

*Motion made by Councilman Weeden 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Tiexeira to accept and approve Dasia Peters to the Youth Advisory Committee.*  
*All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.*  
*Motion passed.*

### **Public Comment**

Nancy Rose, Aaron Tobey, Dr. Edward Avant, Sonya Thornton,

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### Emergency Votes/Ratifications

*Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira 2<sup>nd</sup> by Treasurer Foster to ratify approval to assist with funeral cost up to \$4k for Tribal Member M-059-64 circulated 3/19/2023.*

*All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.*

*Motion passed.*

*Motion made by Councilman Weeden 2<sup>nd</sup> by Treasurer Foster to ratify approval of location (option 1) for the proposed I.H.S facility (circulated on 3/23/23).*

*All those in favor: Councilwoman Pocknett, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman Andrews, Councilman Weeden, Councilwoman Brown, Councilwoman Greendeer, Treasurer Foster*

*All those abstained: Secretary Jackson*

*Motion passed.*

*Motion made by Councilwoman Pocknett 2<sup>nd</sup> by Treasurer Foster to ratify approval to assist with funeral cost up to \$4k for Tribal Member F-002-57 circulated 3/25/2023.*

*All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.*

*Motion passed.*

### Meeting Dates

*Discussed.*

### Operations Update

*Motion made by Councilwoman Gonsalves 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilwoman Greendeer to accept and approve 2023-RES-028 Approving Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program Submittal.*

*All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.*

*Motion passed.*

### Education Department Homesite Update

*Motion made by Treasurer Foster 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Andrews to approve support for temporary mashup village located at 213 Sampson Mills Rd. Mashpee, MA 02649.*

*All those in favor: Councilman Tiexeira, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman Andrews, Councilman Weeden, Councilwoman Greendeer, Councilwoman Brown, Treasurer Foster*

*All those abstained: Secretary Jackson*

*Motion passed.*

*Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Greendeer to accept and approve 2023-RES-029 Department of Agriculture rural business development grant submittal*

*All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.*

*Unanimous by all present.*

*Motion passed.*

### Language School Update

*Discussed.*

### Haz Pay Follow Up

*Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Brown to move HAZ Pay discussion to Executive*

*All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.*

*Motion passed.*

### Constitution Reform

*Motion made by Councilman Weeden 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Brown to accept and approve 2023-RES-030 Establishment of the Constitution Committee.*  
*All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.*  
*Motion passed.*

### Appointment of Tribal Council Members to Tribal Entities Amendment

*Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Brown to accept and approve 2023-RES-031 Amendment to 2011-RES-045 Appointment of Tribal Council Members to Tribal Entities.*  
*All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.*  
*Motion passed.*

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Council/Employee Approval

*Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilwoman Brown to accept and approve 2023-RES-032 approval of restated voting procedure and duties for Tribal Councilors in accordance with 2017-ORD-007 and 2022-RES-036.*  
*All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.*  
*Motion passed.*

### 2013-RES-033 Discussion

*Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Tiexeira to table the discussion.*  
*All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.*  
*Motion passed.*

### Policy & Procedure Review and Approval

*Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Brown to accept and approve 2023-RES-033 Approval of MWT Accounting Financial Policies and Procedures.*  
*All those in favor: Unanimous by all present*  
*All those not present: Councilman Tiexeira*  
*Motion passed.*

*Motion made by Treasurer Foster 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Brown to accept and approve 2023-RES-034 Approval of MWT Grant management handbook.*  
*All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.*  
*Motion passed.*

*Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira 2<sup>nd</sup> by Treasurer Foster to extend the meeting to 8:30p.m.*  
*All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.*  
*Motion passed.*

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*Motion made by Councilwoman Pocknett 2<sup>nd</sup> by Treasurer Foster to enter into executive session at 7:47p.m.*  
*All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.*  
*Motion passed.*

Exited executive session at 8:28

9 Deborah Bottle Road

*Motion made by Treasurer Foster 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Brown to reject the proposals and direct counsel to move forward with removing the current tenants of 9 Deborah Bottle Road, Mashpee, MA 02649 from the property.*

*All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.*

*Motion passed.*

**Adjournment**

*Motion made by Councilman Weeden 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Tiexeira to adjourn the meeting at 8:29p.m.*

*All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.*

*Motion passed.*

Respectfully Submitted,

*Cassie D. Jackson*

MWTC Secretary