



**MASHPEE WAMPANOAG TRIBE
EMERGENCY TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Community/Government Center
Tribal Council Chambers – 483 Great Neck Rd S – Mashpee, MA 02649
Wednesday, April 26, 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 26, 2023 at 5:42p.m.

Regular session began at 5:42p.m.

Entered into Executive session at 7:07p.m.

Exited Executive session at 7:59p.m.

Regular session adjourned at 7:59p.m.

Members in Attendance

Chairman Brian Weeden, Secretary Cassie Jackson, Treasurer Charles Foster, Councilman Domingo Tiexeira, Councilman David Weeden, Councilwoman Nitana Greendeer, Councilwoman Roxanne Brown

Excused Absence: Councilman Nelson Andrews, Jr. Councilwoman Rita Gonsalves, Councilwoman Winona Pocknett

Quorum (7)

Opening Prayer

Rabbit Clan Mother Marlene Lopez

Commencement

Motion made by Councilman Weeden 2nd by Councilman Tiexeira to commence the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council emergency meeting at 483 Great Neck Road South, Mashpee, MA 02649 also via zoom on Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at 5:42p.m.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Treasurer Foster 2nd by Councilman Weeden to accept and approve the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council emergency meeting agenda of April 26, 2023 with edits.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed

Public Comment

None

OLD BUSINESS

Emergency Votes/Ratifications

Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira 2nd by Treasurer Foster to ratify the approval for the burial of J. Jones in the Old Indian Cemetery. (Consensus vote circulated 4/16/23).

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Motion made by Treasurer Foster 2nd by Councilman Weeden to ratify the approval of a waiver for Councilwoman Pocknett for Nakia Hendricks, Sr. to work as a contractor at Del Sol. (Consensus vote circulated 4/14/2023).

All those in favor: Councilman Tiexeira, Councilman Weeden, Councilwoman Greendeer, Councilwoman Brown, Treasurer Foster.

All those abstained: Secretary Jackson

All those recused: Vice Chairman Hendricks

Motion passed.

Base Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira 2nd by Treasurer Foster to ratify the appointment of Treasurer Foster, Councilwoman Gonsalves, and Councilman Weeden to the nonprofit subcommittee. (Approved at Emergency Meeting of 3/23/2023).

Amendment: Motion made by Treasurer Foster 2nd by Councilman Tiexeira to add Vice Chairman Hendricks to the non-profit subcommittee.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Final Motion: Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira 2nd by Treasurer Foster to ratify the appointment of Treasurer Foster, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman Weeden and Vice Chairman Hendricks to the nonprofit subcommittee.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Meeting Dates

Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira 2nd by Treasurer Foster to accept and approve the budget review schedule for Monday, May 8, 2023 at 10:00a.m.-4:00p.m.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd by Vice Chairman Hendricks to accept and approve the budget review schedule for Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 10:00a.m. -4:00p.m.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Operations Update

SAMHSA Participation

Motion made by Councilman Weeden 2nd by Councilwoman Brown to accept and approve 2023-RES-035 Emergency Approval to participate in the Tribal Training and Technical Assistance (TTA) Centers Intensive TTA.

All those in favor: Secretary Jackson, Vice Chairman Hendricks, Councilman Tiexeira, Councilman Weeden, Councilwoman Greendeer, Councilwoman Brown

All those abstained: Treasurer Foster

Motion passed.

Gruben Grant Submittal

*Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira 2nd by Secretary Jackson to accept and approve 2023-RES-036 Emergency Approval to submit the Gruben Charitable Foundation General Operating Support Grant. All those in favor: Secretary Jackson, Vice Chairman Hendricks, Councilman Tiexeira, Councilman Weeden, Councilwoman Brown, Treasurer Foster
All those abstained: Councilwoman Greendeer
Motion passed.*

Tribal Court

*Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira 2nd by Secretary Jackson to accept and approve 2023-RES-037 Emergency Approval of BIA Division of Tribal Justice Support Funding Request. All those in favor: Secretary Jackson, Vice Chairman Hendricks, Councilman Tiexeira, Councilman Weeden, Councilwoman Greendeer, Councilwoman Brown
All those abstained: Treasurer Foster
Motion passed.*

NEW BUSINESS

Men's Healing Lodge Approval

*Motion made by Treasurer Foster 2nd by Vice Chairman Hendricks to accept and approve 2023-RES-038 Emergency Approval to Approve the Men's Healing Lodge Policies and Resident Forms
All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.
Motion passed.*

*Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd by Vice Chairman Hendricks to accept and approve 2023-RES-039 Emergency Approval to submit the Rize Massachusetts Taking Action to Improve Access and Equity in Opioid Use Disorder Care Grant.
All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.
Motion passed.*

Raising of the Chief

*Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd by Treasurer Foster to accept and approve 2023-RES-040 Emergency Approval Raising of The Chief "Sôtyum".
All those in favor: Secretary Jackson, Vice Chairman Hendricks, Councilman Tiexeira, Councilman Weeden, Councilwoman Greendeer, Treasurer Foster
All those opposed: Councilwoman Brown.
Motion passed.*

Native Environmental Ambassadors (NEA) Declaration

*Motion made by Councilman Weeden 2nd by Councilwoman Brown to accept and approve 2023-RES-041 Emergency Approval of the Declaration of A State of Emergency – A Declaration of the Rights of Herring.
All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.
Motion passed.*

EXECUTIVE SESSION

*Motion made by Treasurer Foster 2nd by Councilman Tiexeira to enter into executive session at 7:07p.m.
All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.
All those not present: Councilman Weeden
Motion passed.*

Exited executive session at 7:59p.m.

Tribal Council Issues

Discussed.

Litigation Update

Motion made by Councilman Weeden 2nd by Secretary Jackson to accept and approve 2023-RES-042 Emergency Approval of Engagement Letter with Rich May to Represent Tribe in Litigation Filed by Calamar Construction.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Adjournment

Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd by Councilman Weeden to adjourn the meeting at 7:59p.m.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cassie D. Jackson

MWTC Secretary