



**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, May 10, 2023-5:30p.m.-8:30p.m.
Also Available via Zoom

**Meeting Minutes
(Approve 5/24/2023)**

Call to Order

Vice Chairman Carlton Hendricks called to order the Regular Tribal Council Meeting on Wednesday, May 10, 2023 at 5:35p.m.

Regular session began at 5:35p.m.

Regular session adjourned at 9:02p.m.

Members in Attendance

Vice Chairman Carlton Hendricks, Jr., Secretary Cassie Jackson, Councilman Domingo Tiexeira, Councilwoman Rita Gonsalves, Councilman Nelson Andrews, Jr., (via Zoom) Councilman David Weeden, Councilwoman Nitana Greendeer, Councilwoman Roxanne Brown, Councilwoman Winona Pocknett, Medicine Man Earl Cash, Chief Earl Mills, Jr.

Excused Absence: Chairman Brian Weeden, Treasurer Charles Foster

Guests: Attorney Rebekah Salguero, Ben Wish-Todd & Weld, Daniel Nuey-MWTGA,

Quorum (11)

Opening Prayer

Chief Earl Mills, Jr.

Commencement

Motion made by Councilman Weeden 2nd by Councilwoman Greendeer to commence the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council Regular at 483 Great Neck Road, Mashpee, MA 02649 at 5:35p.m.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Councilman Weeden 2nd by Councilwoman Pocknett to accept and approve the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council Regular Meeting agenda of May 10, 2023 with edits.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira 2nd by Secretary Jackson to accept and approve the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council Emergency meeting minutes Wednesday, April 26, 2023 with edits.

All those in favor: Secretary Cassie Jackson, Councilman Domingo Tiexeira, Councilwoman Rita Gonsalves, Councilman Nelson Andrews, Jr., Councilman David Weeden, Councilwoman Nitana Greendeer, Councilwoman Roxanne Brown, Chief Earl Mills, Jr.

*All those abstained: Medicine Man Cash, Councilwoman Pocknett
Motion passed.*

Motion made by Councilman Weeden 2nd by Secretary Jackson to accept and approve the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council Regular meeting minutes of Tuesday May 9, 2023 with edits.

All those in favor: Secretary Cassie Jackson, Councilman Domingo Tiexeira, Councilwoman Rita Gonsalves, Councilman Nelson Andrews, Jr., Councilman David Weeden, Councilwoman Nitana Greendeer, Councilwoman Roxanne Brown, Chief Earl Mills, Jr. Councilwoman Pocknett

*All those abstained: Medicine Man Cash
Motion passed.*

Appointments/Resignations

Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd by Councilwoman Brown to accept and approve the resignation of Karen Siegel from the Election Committee.

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

Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd by Councilwoman Pocknett to accept and approve the resignation of Stephanie Coleman as Tribal Liaison to the Town of Mashpee Affordable Housing Committee.

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

Motion made by Councilwoman Gonsalves 2nd by Councilman Weeden to accept and approve Robyn Sweeting to the Finance Committee.

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

Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd by Councilman Tiexeira to accept and approve the reappointment of Donald Peters to the Housing Commission.

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

Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira 2nd by Secretary Jackson to accept and approve the resignation of Jessie Baird from the Powwow Committee.

All those in favor: Secretary Cassie Jackson, Councilman Domingo Tiexeira, Councilwoman Rita Gonsalves, Councilman Nelson Andrews, Jr., Councilwoman Nitana Greendeer, Councilwoman Roxanne Brown, Chief Earl Mills, Jr., Medicine Man Cash, Councilwoman Pocknett

*All those opposed: Councilman Weeden
Motion passed.*

Motion made by Councilwoman Pocknett 2nd by Councilman Tiexeira to accept and approve Councilwoman Brown as liaison to the Elders Judiciary Committee.

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

Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira 2nd by Councilwoman Brown to accept and approve Councilwoman Pocknett as liaison to the PR/Mittark Committee.

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

Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira 2nd by Councilwoman Gonsalves to accept and approve Councilwoman Pocknett as co-liaison to the Public Safety Commission.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilwoman Pocknett 2nd by Councilman Tiexeira to accept and approve Councilwoman Greendeer as liaison to the Language Department.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

All those not present: Councilwoman Gonsalves.

Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilman Weeden 2nd by Councilwoman Brown to accept and approve Councilwoman Greendeer as liaison to the Youth Advisory Committee.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

All those not present: Councilwoman Gonsalves.

Motion passed.

Public Comment

Robyn Sweeting, Sonya Thornton, Takeea Newcomb

OLD BUSINESS

Emergency Votes/Ratifications

Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd by Councilman Tiexeira to ratify the approval for the burial of J.Jones in the Old Indian Cemetery. (Circulated 4/16/23 & Emergency vote on 4/26/2023)

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira 2nd by Councilwoman Gonsalves to ratify the approval of a waiver for Councilwoman Pocknett for Nakia Hendricks, Sr. to work as a contractor at Del Sol. (Circulated 4/14/2023 & Emergency vote on 4/26/2023).

All those in favor: Chief Mills, Medicine Man Cash, Councilman Tiexeira, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman Andrews, Councilman Weeden, Councilwoman Greendeer, Councilwoman Brown

All those abstained: Secretary Jackson

All those Recuse: Councilwoman Pocknett

Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira 2nd by Councilwoman Pocknett to ratify the appointment of Treasurer Foster, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman Weeden and Vice Chairman Hendricks to the nonprofit subcommittee. (Emergency vote on 4/26/2023)

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd by Councilman Tiexeira to accept and approve 2023-RES-045 Ratification of Approval to Participate in The Tribal Training and Technical Assistance (TTA) Center's Intensive TTA

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd by Councilwoman Pocknett to accept and approve 2023-RES-046 Ratification of Approval to Submit The Gruben Charitable Foundation General Operating Support Grant

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

*Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd by Councilman Tiexeira to accept and approve 2023-RES-047
Ratification of Approval of Bia Division of Tribal Justice Support Funding Request.
All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.
Motion passed.*

*Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd by Councilman Tiexeira to accept and approve 2023-RES-048
Ratification of 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 Councilwoman Brown to accept and approve 2023-RES-049
Ratification of 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.*

*Motion made by Councilman Weeden 2nd by Councilwoman Greendeer to accept and approve 2023-RES-050
Ratification of 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.*

*Motion made by Councilman Weeden 2nd by Secretary Jackson to accept and approve 2023-RES-051
Ratification of 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.*

*Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd by Councilman Tiexeira to accept and approve 2023-RES-052
Ratification of Approval of NDN Collective Community Self Determination Fund.
All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.
Motion passed.*

Meeting Dates
Tabled.

Operations
Tabled.

Tribal Court
Tabled.

NEW BUSINESS

Termination of State of Emergency

*Motion made by Councilwoman Gonsalves 2nd by Councilman Weeden to table 2023-RES-053 Approval of
Termination of Declaration of a State of Emergency to Respond to Covid-19.
All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.*

Motion passed.

2013-RES-033 Follow Up
Tabled.

Del Sol Approval

Motion made by Councilman Weeden 2nd by Chief Mills to table 2023-RES-054 Approving the of Del Sol Resident/Shelter Forms and Agreements.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Tribal Broadband

Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd by Councilman Weeden to accept and approve 2023-RES-055 Tribal Broadband Task Force.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilman Weeden 2nd by Councilwoman Gonsalves to appoint Ellen Sharpe to the Tribal Broadband Task Force.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilman Weeden 2nd by Councilwoman Gonsalves to appoint Barbara Jonas to the Tribal Broadband Task Force.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilman Weeden 2nd by Councilman Tiexeira to appoint Charles Foster to the Tribal Broadband Task Force.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilman Weeden 2nd by Councilwoman Brown to appoint Jordan Kellinui as the technical advisor to the Tribal Broadband Task Force.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira 2nd by Councilwoman Gonsalves to appoint David Weeden as Tribal Broadband Task Force member.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Gaming Authority Approval

Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd by Councilman Tiexeira to accept and approve the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Gaming Authority Board Member job description and posting for 30 days.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd by Councilman Tiexeira to enter into executive session at 7:17p.m.

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

Exit at 8:31p.m.

*Motion made by Medicine Man Cash 2nd by Councilwoman Brown to extend meeting to 8:50p.m.
All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.
All those not present: Councilman Weeden
Motion passed.*

*Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira 2nd by Secretary Jackson to enter into executive session at 8:32p.m.
All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.
All those not present: Councilman Weeden
Motion passed.*

Exited executive session at 8:50p.m.

*Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira 2nd by Councilwoman Brown to extend meeting to 9p.m.
All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.
Motion passed.*

*Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira 2nd by Councilman Weeden to enter into executive at 8:50p.m.
All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.
Motion passed.*

Exited executive session at 9:00p.m.

Litigation Update

Base Motion: Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd by Councilman Tiexeira to move forward with Jackson and Lewis for the civil litigation regarding Cedric Cromwell.

*Amended Motion: Motion made by Councilwoman Brown 2nd by Councilman Tiexeira to amend the previous motion to include Cedric Cromwell and coconspirators.
All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.
Motion passed.*

*Final: Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd by Councilman Tiexeira to move forward with Jackson Lewis for the civil litigation regarding Cedric Cromwell and co-conspirators.
All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.
Motion passed.*

Tribal Council Issues

Tabled.

Tribal Council Compensation

Tabled.

TA/Operational Follow Up – Vice Chairman

Tabled.

Housing

Tabled.

Haz Pay Follow Up

Tabled.

Adjournment

Motion made Councilman Tiexeira 2nd Secretary Jackson by to adjourn the meeting at 9:02p.m.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cassie D. Jackson

MWTC Secretary