



**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 11, 2022-5:30p.m.-8:00p.m.**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Call to Order**

Chairman Brian Weeden called to order the Regular Tribal Council Meeting on Wednesday May 11, 2022 at 5:44p.m.

Regular session began at 5:44p.m.

Meeting extended to 9:00p.m.

Entered into executive session at 7:54p.m.

Exited executive session at 8:50p.m.

Regular session adjourned at 8:53p.m.

**Members in attendance:**

Chairman Brian Weeden, Vice Chairman Carlton Hendricks, Jr., Secretary Cassie Jackson, Councilwoman Edwina Johnson-Graham, Councilman Domingo Tiexeira, Councilwoman Rita Gonsalves, Councilman Aaron Tobey, Councilman Nelson Andrews, Jr., Councilwoman Yvonne Avant, Councilman David Weeden.

Excused Absence: Treasurer Marie Stone

Guests: Rebekah Salguero

Quorum (10)

**Opening Prayer**

Nitana Greendeer

**Commencement**

*Motion made by Councilwoman Avant 2<sup>nd</sup> by Secretary Jackson to Commence the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council regular meeting on May 11, 2022 at 5:44p.m.*

*All those in favor: Unanimous by all present*

*All those not present: Councilwoman Johnson-Graham*

*Motion passed.*

**Approval of Agenda**

*Motion made by Councilman Weeden 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Avant to accept and approve the meeting agenda of 5/11/2022.*

*All those in favor: Unanimous by all present*

*All those not present: Councilwoman Johnson-Graham*

*Motion passed.*

**Approval of Meeting Minutes**

*Motion made by Councilman Weeden 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Tiexeira to accept and approve meeting minutes of 4/13/2022 with edits.*

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

*Motion passed.*

*Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Avant to accept and approve meeting minutes of 4/25/ 2022 with edits.*

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

*All those abstained: Councilwoman Johnson-Graham, Councilman Weeden*

*All those opposed: Councilman Tobey*

*Motion passed.*

*\*Note Councilwoman Johnson-Graham was excused.*

### Public Comment

Councilman Aaron Tobey

### Appointments/Resignations

*Motion made by Councilman Weeden 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Johnson-Graham to accept and approve the resignation of Angela Marcellino from CDC.*

*All those in favor: Unanimous by all present*

*Motion passed.*

*\*Note: Send letter of appreciation.*

*Motion made by Councilwoman Johnson-Graham 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Avant to accept and approve appointment of Eleanor Coombs to the Powwow Committee.*

*All those in favor: Councilwoman Johnson Graham, Vice Chairman Hendricks, Councilman Tiexeira, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman Andrews, Councilman Weeden, Councilmand Tobey, Councilwoman Avant.*

*All those abstained: Secretary Jackson.*

*Motion passed.*

*Motion made by Councilwoman Johnson-Graham 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Avant to accept and approve appointment of RYANNE WHITE-JACKSON to the Powwow Committee.*

*All those in favor: Councilwoman Johnson Graham, Vice Chairman Hendricks, Councilman Tiexeira, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman Andrews, Councilman Weeden, Councilman Tobey, Councilwoman Avant.*

*All those recused: Secretary Jackson.*

*Motion passed.*

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### Emergency Votes/Ratifications

*Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Gonsalves to extend Emergency Approval of 2022-RES-027 Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Government Code Of Conduct for another 30 days.*

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

*All those abstained: Councilwoman Johnson-Gonsalves*

*All those opposed: Councilman Tobey.*

*Motion passed.*

*Motion made by Councilman Weeden 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Tiexeira to accept and approve the ratification of the following emergency vote taken on April 25, 2022: Motion made by Councilwoman Avant 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vice Chairman Hendricks to accept and send letter of intent to purchase property at B&C Property Enterprises, LLC located at*

72 Main St., Mashpee, MA 02649 for the amount of \$1.9 with amendments from 30 to 60 days; closing from October 3<sup>rd</sup>- October 31<sup>st</sup>

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vice Chairman Hendricks to accept and approve the ratification of the following emergency vote taken on April 25, 2022: Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vice Chairman Hendricks to call hearing for Treasurer Stones removal pursuant to Article 8 section 2 of the Constitution for the allegations found from investigation.

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

All those recused: Councilwoman Johnson-Graham

Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilman Weeden 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Tiexeira to ratify the consensus vote taken on May 9, 2022 to approve financial assistance for the Peters-Fermino family up to \$3,000.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilwoman Johnson-Graham 2<sup>nd</sup> by Secretary Jackson to ratify the consensus vote taken on May 9, 2022 to approve financial assistance in the amount up to \$4,000 for final arrangement assistance for C-146-71.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilwoman Johnson-Graham 2<sup>nd</sup> by Secretary Jackson to ratify the consensus vote taken on May 10, 2022 to approve financial assistance in the amount up to \$4,000 for final arrangement assistance for Tribal Member E-024-83.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

#### Funding Request Language Department / Powwow Committee

Motion made by Councilwoman Johnson-Graham 2<sup>nd</sup> by Secretary Jackson to accept and approve the Language Department funding request in the amount of \$275,876.32 to cover the current gap in funding through the end of 2022-2023 in the event that they get funding from ANA this money will go back to ARPA funds.

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

All those opposed: Councilman Tobey

Motion passed.

Base Motion: Motion made by Councilman Weeden 2<sup>nd</sup> by Secretary Jackson to accept and approve the Powwow Committee funding in the amount of \$80k.

Amended Motion: Amended motion made by Vice Chairman Hendricks 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Tobey to accept and approve the Powwow Committee funding in the amount of \$50k.

All those in favor: Vice Chairman Hendricks, Councilman Tiexeira, Councilman Andrews, Councilman Tobey

All those opposed: Councilwoman Johnson-Graham, Secretary Jackson, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman Weeden, Councilwoman Avant.

Motion failed.

*Final Motion: Motion made by Councilman Weeden 2<sup>nd</sup> by Secretary Jackson to accept and approve the Powwow Committee funding in the amount of \$80k.*

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

*Motion passed.*

#### Grant Submittal

*Motion to accept and approve 2022-RES-028 Approval of U.S. Department of Interior Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development, Tribal Energy Development Capacity program*

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

*Motion passed.*

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### Joint meeting schedule

##### CDC

*Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilwoman Gonsalves to call Shareholder Representative meeting between shareholder representatives and CDC on May 25, 2022 @ 7:00p.m.*

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

*Motion passed.*

##### MWTGHA

*Discussed.*

*\*Note: Chairman will follow up with Chairwoman Maltese.*

##### Housing Contract

*Motion made by Councilman Weeden 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Tiexeira to accept and approve 2022-RES-029 Catalyst Architect Contract Amendment with edits.*

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

*Motion passed.*

*Motion made by Councilwoman Johnson-Graham 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Tiexeira to accept and approve 2022-RES-030 Construction Contract with Champion Builders for Completion of Sewer Lift Station with edits.*

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

*Motion passed.*

*Motion made by Councilman Tobey 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Weeden to accept and approve 2022-RES-031 Construction Contract with Champion Builders for Completion of Remaining 8 homes with edits.*

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

*Motion passed.*

##### BOEM Agreement

*Base Motion: Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Andrews to accept and approve 2022-RES-032 Approval of Amendment to the Programmatic Agreement with the U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management Regarding the "Smart from the Start" Atlantic Wind Energy Initiative: Leasing and Site Assessment Activities offshore Massachusetts and Rhode Island.*

*Amended Motion: Motion made by Councilman Weeden 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vice Chairman Hendricks to table previous motion.*

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

*All those not present: Councilwoman Johnson-Graham*

*Motion passed.*

Final Motion: *Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Andres to table 2022-RES-032 Approval of Amendment to the Programmatic Agreement with the U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management Regarding the “Smart from the Start” Atlantic Wind Energy Initiative: Leasing and Site Assessment Activities offshore Massachusetts and Rhode Island.*

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

*All those not present: Councilwoman Johnson-Graham*

*Motion passed.*

#### Meeting Extension

*Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Avant to extend the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council regular meeting to 9:00p.m.*

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

*Motion passed.*

#### Article VIII Section 2B Expulsion

Note: Item moved into executive session.

#### **Executive**

*Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Gonsalves to enter into executive session at 7:54p.m.*

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

*Motion passed.*

Exited executive session at 8:50p.m.

#### Conflict of Interest

Discussed.

Note: Vice Chairman Hendricks will follow up with the matter.

#### 9 Deborah Bottle Rd.

*Motion made by Councilwoman Gonsalves 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Weeden to approve filing complaint in State Court to begin the eviction proceedings to move forward with the eviction process for the tenants of 9 Deborah Bottle Rd.*

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

*All abstained: Councilwoman Johnson-Graham.*

*Motion passed.*

#### LEM Discussion

*Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairman Hendricks to approve the release of up to \$19,950 from available housing project funds to address the payment issues discussed in executive session.*

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

*All those opposed: Councilwoman Johnson Graham, Councilwoman Weeden, Councilwoman Avant*

*Motion passed.*

Section VIII 2B

*Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vice Chairman Hendricks to approve legal requests from Attorney Salguero be sent to Treasurer Stone as discussed in executive session.*

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

*All those recused: Councilwoman Johnson-Graham, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman Tobey  
Motion passed.*

Adjournment

*Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Tiexeira to adjourn the meeting at 8:53p.m.*

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

*Motion passed.*

Respectfully Submitted,

*Cassie D. Jackson*

MWTC Secretary