



**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 24, 2023-5:30p.m.-8:00p.m.
Also Available via Zoom

**Meeting Minutes
(Approved 6/14/2023)**

Call to Order

Chairman Brian Weeden called to order the Regular Tribal Council Meeting on Wednesday, May 24, 2023 at 5:37p.m.

Regular session began at 5:37p.m.

Entered into executive session at 7:14p.m.

Exited Executive session at 8:29p.m.

Entered into executive session at 8:31p.m.

Exited executive session at 8:55p.m.

Regular session adjourned at 8:57p.m.

Members in Attendance

Chairman Brian Weeden, Vice Chairman Carlton Hendricks, Jr., Secretary Cassie Jackson, Treasurer Charles Foster, 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, Jr., Chief Earl Mills, Jr.

Guests: Attorney Rebekah Salguero, Megan Amsler

Quorum (13)

Opening Prayer

Medicine Man Earl Cash, Jr.

Commencement

Motion made by Councilman Weeden 2nd by Councilwoman Greendeer to commence the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council Regular meeting at 483 Great Neck Road South, Mashpee, MA 02649 also via zoom on Wednesday, May 24, 2023 at 5:37p.m.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd by Councilman Weeden to accept and approve the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council Regular Meeting agenda of May 24, 2023 with edits.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Councilman Weeden 2nd by Secretary Jackson to accept and approve the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council Regular meeting minutes of Wednesday, May 10, 2023 with edits.

All those in favor: Councilwoman Pocknett, Secretary Jackson, Vice Chairman Hendricks, Chief Mills, Councilman Tiexeira, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Medicine Man Cash, Councilman Andrews, Councilman Weeden, Councilwoman Greendeer, Councilwoman Brown

All those abstained: Treasurer Foster.

Motion passed.

Appointments/Resignations

Motion made by Councilman Weeden 2nd by Secretary Jackson to accept and approve the resignation of Sonya Thornton from the Powwow Committee.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Public Comment

Nancy Rose, Tekeea Newcomb

OLD BUSINESS

Emergency Votes/Ratifications

None

Meeting Dates

Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira 2nd by Secretary Jackson to schedule the joint meeting with Aquinnah Tribe on Saturday, July 15, 2023.

All those in favor: Councilwoman Pocknett, Secretary Jackson, Vice Chairman Hendricks, Chief Mills, Councilman Tiexeira, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Medicine man Cash, Councilman Andrews, Councilman Weeden, Councilwoman Brown, Treasurer Foster

All those opposed: Councilwoman Greendeer

Motion passed.

Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd by Vice Chairman Hendricks to schedule the joint meeting with the MPS School Committee for Wednesday, August 9, 2023 at 5:30 PM.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Motion made by Treasurer Foster 2nd by Councilman Tiexeira to schedule the budget review meeting for June 1, 2023 from 5:30-8:00p.m.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Operations

Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd by Medicine Man Cash to accept and approve 2023-RES-056 Amendment to 2023-RES-055 MWT Tribal Broadband Task Force.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

2013-RES-033 Follow Up

Discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

Mashpee Lease Lot

Motion made by Treasurer Foster 2nd by Secretary Jackson to accept and approve 2023-RES-057 Approving the Lot Location for Indian Health Service Facility with edits.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Cemetery Commission Approval

Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd by Medicine Man Cash to accept and approve 2023-RES-058 Approval Establishing the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Old Indian Cemetery Commission with edits.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

DOT/ Charging and Fuel Grant Request

Base Motion: Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd by Medicine Man Cash to accept and approve 2023-RES-059 Approval of Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (EV Chargers) Funding Request.

Amended Motion: Motion made by Chief Mills 2nd by Councilman Tiexeira to add contingencies to research if IDC is allowable and to also work with the Land Use Committee.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Final Motion: Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd by Medicine Man Cash to accept and approve 2023-RES-059 Approval of Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (EV Chargers) Funding Request with the contingencies to research if IDC is allowable and also work with the Land Use and Planning Committee.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Meeting Extension

Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd by Councilman Tiexeira to extend the meeting to 8:30p.m.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd by Chief Mills to enter into executive session at 7:14p.m.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

All those not present: Councilman Tiexeira

Motion passed.

Exit Executive at 8:29p.m.

Meeting Extension

Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd by Councilman Tiexeira to extend meeting to 9:00p.m.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilwoman Greendeer 2nd by Treasurer Foster to enter into executive session at 8:31p.m.

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

Exit Executive session at 8:55p.m.

Tribal Court Update
Discussed.

Approval of Engagement Letter with Rich May
*Motion made by Councilwoman Gonsalves 2nd by Chief Mills to table 2023-RES-060 Approval of Engagement Letter with Rich May to Present Tribe in Litigation Filed by Limited Partnership until June 1, 2023.
All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.
Motion passed.*

Litigation Update
Tabled

Insurance Claim –Settlement
Tabled

Tribal Council Issues
Tabled

Tribal Council Compensation
Tabled.

TA/Operational Follow Up – Vice Chairman
Tabled.

Haz Pay Follow Up
Tabled.

Adjournment
*Motion made by Councilwoman Brown 2nd by Councilwoman Greendeer to adjourn the meeting at 8:57p.m.
All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.
Motion passed.*

Respectfully Submitted,
Cassie D. Jackson
MWTC Secretary