



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, June 21, 2023-5:30p.m.-9:30p.m.
Also Available via Zoom
(Approved 7/12/23)

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

Vice Chairman Carlton Hendricks, Jr. called to order the Regular Tribal Council Meeting on Wednesday, June 24, 2023 at 5:33p.m.

Regular session began at 5:33p.m.

Entered into executive session at 6:16p.m.

Exited Executive session at 9:13p.m.

Regular session adjourned at 9:14p.m.

Members in Attendance

Vice Chairman Carlton Hendricks, Jr., 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
Medicine Man Earl Cash, Jr., Chief Earl Mills, Jr.

Excused Absence: Chairman Brian Weeden

Guests: Attorney Rebekah Salguero, Fenton Soliz, John Marcelino, Selena Hendricks, Robert Hendricks, Aaron Tobey, Talia Landry, Michelle Tobey

Quorum (12)

Opening Prayer

Vice Chairman Carlton Hendricks, Jr.

Commencement

Motion made by Medicine Man Cash 2nd by Secretary Jackson to commence the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council Regular meeting at 483 Great Neck Road South, Mashpee, MA 02649 also via zoom on Wednesday, June 21, 2023 at 5:33p.m.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Motion made by Treasurer Foster 2nd by Secretary Jackson to accept and approve the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council Regular Meeting agenda of June 21, 2023 with edits.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

All those not present: Councilwoman Gonsalves

Motion passed.

Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd by Chief Mills to accept and approve the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council Regular meeting minutes of Wednesday, June 14, 2023 with edits.

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

All those abstained: Councilwoman Pocknett

Motion passed

Appointments/Resignations

Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd by Councilman Tiexeira to accept and approve the resignation of Charles Foster from the Tribal Broadband Task Force.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilwoman Brown 2nd by Secretary Jackson to accept and approve the appointment of Michelle Mendes to the Tribal Broadband Task Force.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Motion to accept and approve the appointment of Ramona Grant to the Elders Judiciary Committee.

Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd by Medicine Man Cash to rescind the last vote to appoint Ramona Grant to the Elder Judiciary Committee.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Public Comment

Stephanie Roderick, Karen Edwards, Rosalie Miranda, Pamela Windsor

OLD BUSINESS

Emergency Votes/Ratifications

Motion made by Treasurer Foster 2nd by Secretary Jackson to ratify the consensus vote for the approval to move forward with the proposal submitted by Rich May and allot up to \$25,000 to be expensed from general funds.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Meeting Dates

Amber will see what dates in October work best for Aquinnah.

NRC Funding Approval

Base motion: *Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira 2nd by Chief Mills to reaffirm the allotment of \$250,000 to be expensed to complete the HAACP Facility renovations.*

Amended motion: *Motion made by Councilwoman Greendeer 2nd by Secretary Jackson to amend the previous motion to include if funding is available.*

Final motion: *Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira 2nd by Chief Mills to reaffirm the allotment of \$250,000 to be expensed to complete the HAACP Facility renovations if funding is available.*

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

New Business

Henry Luce Grant Approval

Motion made by Medicine Man Cash 2nd by Councilwoman Brown to table 2023-RES-071 Approving Henry Luce Foundation Indigenous Knowledge Initiative Response Grant.

All those in favor: Secretary Jackson, Treasurer Foster, Councilman Tiexeira, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman Andrews, Councilwoman Greendeer, Councilwoman Brown, Councilwoman Pocknett Medicine Man Cash, Chief Mills

All those opposed: Councilman Weeden.

Motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira 2nd Medicine Man Cash to enter into executive session at 6:16p.m.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Exited executive session at 9:13p.m.

Housing Appeal

Discussed.

Tribal Council Compensation

Tabled.

Litigation Update

Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira 2nd by Secretary Jackson to appoint Brenden Cox as interim prosecutor subject to a national background check and allow Attorney Salguero in the meanwhile to proceed with the RFP process.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Adjournment

Motion made by Treasurer Foster 2nd by Secretary Jackson to adjourn the meeting at 9:14p.m.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cassie D. Jackson

MWTC Secretary