



**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, July 12, 2023-5:30p.m-8:00p.m.  
Also Available via Zoom

**Meeting Minutes  
(Approved 7/19/2023)**

**Call to Order**

Chairman Brian Weeden called to order the Regular Tribal Council Meeting on Wednesday, July 12, 2023 at 5:36p.m.

Regular session began at 5:36p.m.

Entered into executive session at 6:18p.m.

Exited executive session at 7:52p.m.

Regular session adjourned at 7:56p.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., 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, Quorum (13)

**Opening Prayer**

Medicine Man Earl Cash, Jr.

**Commencement**

*Motion made by Councilman Weeden 2<sup>nd</sup> by Medicine Man Cash to commence the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council Regular meeting at 483 Great Neck Road South, Mashpee, MA 02649 also via zoom on Wednesday, July 12, 2023 at 5:36p.m.*

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

*Motion passed.*

**Approval of Agenda**

*Motion made by Councilman Weeden 2<sup>nd</sup> by Treasurer Foster to accept and approve the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council Regular Meeting agenda of July 12, 2023 with edits.*

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

*Motion passed.*

Note: Add elders request to executive TC Matters

**Approval of Meeting Minutes**

*Motion made by Vice Chairman Hendricks 2<sup>nd</sup> by Treasurer Foster to accept and approve the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council Regular meeting minutes of Wednesday, June 21, 2023 with edits.*

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

*Motion passed.*

### **Appointments/Resignations**

*Motion made by Councilwoman Greendeer 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Weeden to accept and approve a letter of support be drafted on behalf of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council for Captain Curtis Frye to join the MA Governor's Special Veterans Council.*

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

*Motion passed.*

### **Public Comment**

Karen Edwards,

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### Emergency Votes/Ratifications

*Motion made by Councilwoman Brown 2<sup>nd</sup> by Secretary Jackson to accept and approve 2023-RES-072 ratification of 2023-RES-071 Emergency Approval to submit the Henry Luce Foundation Indigenous Knowledge Initiative Response Grant.*

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

*Motion passed.*

*Motion made by Treasurer Foster 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chief Cash to accept and approve 2023-RES-073 Approval of Sullivan Insurance Renewal.*

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

*Motion passed.*

*Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2<sup>nd</sup> by Treasurer Foster to accept and approve burial assistance in the amount up to \$4000 for tribal member P-008-087 (Circulated 7/4/2023).*

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

*Motion passed.*

#### Meeting Dates

*Motion made by Treasurer Foster 2<sup>nd</sup> by Secretary Jackson to schedule the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Annual Budget Review meeting on Thursday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> 2023 from 9:30a.m.-4:30p.m.*

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

*Motion passed.*

#### General Membership Meeting Discussion

Tabled

### **New Business**

#### Tax Code Follow Up

Tabled

#### Engagement w/ HW

*Motion made by Medicine Man Cash 2<sup>nd</sup> by Treasurer Foster to accept and approve 2023-RES-074 approving the engagement with Horsley Witten Group, Inc. to perform professional services.*

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

*All those abstained: Treasurer Foster*

*Motion passed.*

### BOEM Grant Proposal

*Motion mad by Medicine Man Cash 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Weeden to accept and approve 2023-RES-075 Approving MWT Historic Preservation Department Capacity Building and Collaboration Agreement with edits. All those in favor: Councilwoman Pocknett, Secretary Jackson, Vice Chairman Hendricks, Chief Mills, Councilman Tiexeira, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman Andrews, Councilwoman Greendeer, Treasurer Foster, Councilwoman Brown, Medicine Man Cash*

*All those recused: Councilman Weeden*

*Motion passed.*

Note: David will work with Treasurer to work on grant summary sheet to revise total budget.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*Motion made by Medicine Man Cash 2<sup>nd</sup> by Treasurer Foster to enter into executive session at 6:18p.m.*

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

*Motion passed.*

Exited Executive session at 7:52p.m.

### Operations Follow Up- TA Discussion

Discussed.

### Tribal Council Matters - Elders request

Discussed.

### Homeless Tribal Member Update

Discussed.

### Economic Development Initiative – Tobacco Initiative

Tabled.

### Housing Department Matters

Discussed.

### Tribal Council Compensation

Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira 2<sup>nd</sup> by Secretary Jackson to accept and approve 2023-RES-076 Repeal of 2015-Res-039 Full-Time Tribal Council Positions and Any Subsequent Amendments.

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

All those opposed: Treasurer Foster

Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Greendeer to accept and approve 2023-RES-077 Tribal Council Full Time Status and Compensation with edits.

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

All those opposed: Treasurer Foster, Secretary Jackson

Motion passed.

### Litigation Update

Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Weeden to appoint Councilwoman Brown as Tribal Council Liaison for Cromwell Trial.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2<sup>nd</sup> by Treasurer Foster to accept and approve 2023-RES-078 Approval of Consent of Employer to Lump Settlement Agreement.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Motion made by Medicine Man Cash 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chief Mills to appoint Marla Bingham to the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Cemetery Commission.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

### **Adjournment**

Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vice Chairman Hendricks to adjourn the meeting at 7:56p.m.

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

All those opposed: Chief Mills.

Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Cassie D. Jackson*

MWTC Secretary