

# MASHPEE WAMPANOAG TRIBE REGULAR TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Community/Government Center
Tribal Council Chambers – 483 Great Neck Rd S – Mashpee, MA 02649
Thursday, August 3, 2023-9:30a.m.-4:30:00p.m.
Also available via Zoom
(Approved 8/9/2023)

#### Call to Order

Chairman Brian Weeden called to order the Regular Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council Meeting on Thursday, August 3, 2023 at 9:36a.m.

Regular session began at 9:36a.m.

Entered into executive session at 2:15p.m.

Exited executive session at 4:27p.m.

Regular session adjourned at 4:29p.m.

### **Attendance**

Chairman Brian Weeden, Vice Chairman Carlton Hendricks, Jr.(10:06a.m.), Secretary Cassie Jackson, Councilman Domingo Tiexeira, Councilwoman Rita Gonsalves, Councilman Nelson Andrews, Jr., Councilwoman Nitana Greendeer, Councilwoman Roxanne Brown, Treasurer Charles Foster, Councilwoman Winona Pocknett

Excused Absence: Councilman David Weeden

Guests: Rebekah Salguero, Amber Tubbs, Gail Hill, Comptroller John Larsen, TA David Greendeer

## **Opening Prayer**

Gail Hendricks-Hill

#### Commencement

Motion made by Treasurer Foster 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Thursday, August 3, 2023 at 9:36p.m.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present. All those not present: Vice Chairman Hendricks

Motion passed.

## **Approval of Agenda**

Motion made by Treasurer Foster  $2^{nd}$  by Secretary Jackson to accept and approve the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council Regular Meeting agenda of August 3, 2023 with edits.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present. All those not present: Vice Chairman Hendricks Motion passed.

### **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Motion made by Secretary Jackson  $2^{nd}$  by Councilwoman Pocknett to accept and approve the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council Regular meeting minutes of Wednesday, July 19, 2023 with edits.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present. All those not present: Vice Chairman Hendricks Motion passed.

## Appointments/Resignations

Motion made by Treasurer Foster 2<sup>nd</sup> by Secretary Jackson to accept and approve the resignation of Selena Hendricks from the Tribal Broad Band Task Force.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present. All those not present: Vice Chairman Hendricks

Motion passed.

Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2<sup>nd</sup> by Treasurer Foster to accept and approve the resignation of Selena Hendricks from the Community Development Corporation.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present. All those not present: Vice Chairman Hendricks

Motion passed.

Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2<sup>nd</sup> by Treasurer Foster to accept and approve the appointment of Madas Strickland to the Powwow Committee.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present. All those not present: Vice Chairman Hendricks

Motion passed.

Motion made by Treasurer Foster 2<sup>nd</sup> by Secretary Jackson to accept and approve the resignation of Michelle Mendes from the MWT Tribal Broadband Task Force.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present. All those not present: Vice Chairman Hendricks

Motion passed.

 $Motion\ made\ by\ Secretary\ Jackson\ 2^{nd}\ by\ Councilman\ Andrews\ to\ accept\ and\ approve\ the\ appointment\ of\ Gail$ Hill to the Old Indian Meeting House Committee.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present. All those not present: Vice Chairman Hendricks Motion passed.

## **Public Comment**

None

### **OLD BUSINESS**

# Emergency Votes/Ratifications

Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira 2<sup>nd</sup> by Treasurer Foster to ratify approval of 2023-RES-080 Ratification Of Approval Of Demonstration Grants For Indian Children And Youth Program.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present. All those not present: Vice Chairman Hendricks Motion passed.

#### Meeting Dates

Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2<sup>nd</sup> by Treasurer Foster to cancel the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council Regular meeting scheduled for September 13, 2023 from 5:30p.m. -8:00p.m.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present. All those not present: Vice Chairman Hendricks

Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira 2<sup>nd</sup> by Secretary Jackson to reschedule Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Council Regular meeting from September 13, 2023 to September 27, 2023 from 5:30-8:00p.m.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

All those not present: Vice Chairman Hendricks.

Motion passed.

# Operations Update

Motion made by Secretary Jackson  $2^{nd}$  by Councilwoman Brown to accept and approve 2023-RES-081 Department of the Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs Living Languages Grant Program.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

# Venue Request for the school

Discussed.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

## General Membership Follow Up

Motion made by Vice Chairman Hendricks 2<sup>nd</sup> by Treasurer Foster to table the approval of 2023-RES-081 Approval To Reschedule The August General Tribal Membership Meeting From August 13, 2023 To August 6, 2023.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Motion made by Treasurer Foster 2<sup>nd</sup> by Secretary Jackson to accept and approve 2023-RES-082 Request For Judicial Advisory Opinion Regarding Constitutional Provisions Related To General Membership Meeting with edits.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

## Gaming Authority Appointment Follow Up

Motion made by Treasurer Foster 2<sup>nd</sup> by Secretary Jackson to accept and approve 2023-RES-084 Appointment Of Selena Hendricks As Member Of Gaming Authority Board Of Directors.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Note: Chairman removed himself from table at 10:46a.m. Vice Chairman Hendricks presided over the meeting

### Petitioner Article Support

Motion made by Secretary Jackson  $2^{nd}$  by Councilwoman Greendeer to move forward with approving letters of support be drafted for the return of 12 acres and land expansion for the cemetery.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all those present.

*Motion passed.* 

# WLRP MOU Approval

Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira  $2^{nd}$  by Treasurer Foster to table 2023-RES-085 Office of Indian Economic Development Living Languages Grant Program Application Authorization.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

#### **RECESS**

Motion made by Councilwoman Brown 2<sup>nd</sup> by Treasurer Foster to recess at 11:45p.m.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira  $2^{nd}$  by Councilwoman Brown to reconvene the meeting at 1:53p.m.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

**BOEM MOU Approval** 

Tabled.

## **Budget Review**

Discussed.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira  $2^{nd}$  by Treasurer Foster to enter into executive session at 2:15p.m. All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Exited executive session at 4:27p.m.

Motion made by Treasurer Foster  $2^{nd}$  by Vice Chairman Hendricks to reconsider moving the August General Membership meeting to August 6, 2023.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Motion made by Treasurer Foster  $2^{nd}$  by Councilwoman Greendeer to schedule the August General Membership meeting for August 13, 2023.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

## Gaming Authority Follow Up

Tabled.

#### Adjournment

Motion made by Treasurer Foster  $2^{nd}$  by Councilwoman Greendeer to adjourn the meeting at 4:29p.m. All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cassie D. Jackson

**MWCT Secretary**