



**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, September 20, 2023-5:30p.m.-8:30p.m.
Also available via Zoom

(Approved with edits 9/27/2023)

Call to Order

Chairman Brian Weeden called to order the Regular Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council Meeting on Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at 5:33p.m.
Regular session began at 5:33p.m.
Entered into executive session at 6:19p.m.
Exited executive session at 7:21p.m.
Entered into executive session at 7:22p.m.
Regular session adjourned at 8:32p.m.p.m.

Members in Attendance

Chairman Brian Weeden, Vice Chairman Carlton Hendricks, Jr., Secretary Cassie Jackson, Treasurer Charles Foster, Chief Earl Mills, Jr., Councilman Domingo Tiexeira, Councilman Nelson Andrews, Jr., Councilman David Weeden (arrived 5:38p.m.), Councilwoman Nitana Greendeer, Councilwoman Roxanne Brown, Councilwoman Winona Pocknett
Excused Absence: Medicine Man Earl Cash, Jr., Councilwoman Rita Gonsalves
Guests: Attorney Rebekah Salguero, Jeff Loeb, Michelle Tobey, Robin White, Trevor Carrington, Brittany Smith, Carla Riley, Donald Peters, Suzette Mattis, Robyn Tobey

Opening Prayer

Chief Earl Mills, Jr.

Commencement

*Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd by Vice Chairman Hendricks to commence the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council Regular meeting at 483 Great Neck Road South, Mashpee, MA 02649 also via zoom on Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at 5:33p.m.
All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.
All those not present: Councilman Weeden
Motion passed.*

Approval of Agenda

*Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd by Chief Mills to accept and approve the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council Regular Meeting agenda of September 20, 2023 with edits.
All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.
All those not present: Councilman Weeden
Motion passed.*

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd Vice Chairman Hendricks to accept and approve the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council Special meeting minutes of Wednesday, August 30, 2023 with edits.

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

All those abstained: Councilman Weeden, Treasurer Foster

Motion passed.

Note: Add Charles foster as excused absence; add time Councilman Weeden left meeting

Appointments and Resignations

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Councilman Weeden, Chief Mills

OLD BUSINESS

Emergency Votes/Ratifications

Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd by Treasurer Foster to accept and approve 2023-RES-092 Ratification of Approval of Submittal of Solar for All, EPA Grant – Solar for The First Light Housing Community (consensus vote circulated 8/24/2023).

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present

Motion passed.

Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd by Councilman Weeden to accept and approve 2023-RES-093 Ratification of Approval to Submit the Department of Justice Tribal Access Program for National Crime Information (TAP) Application (consensus circulated 8/29/2023).

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilman Weeden 2nd by Treasurer Foster to ratify the emergency approval to submit the MBI Data Survey Grant Application (consensus circulated 8/31/2023)

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilman Weeden 2nd by Treasurer Foster to accept and approve 2023-RES-094 Ratification of Approval to Engage with Walker & Armstrong for Audit Services (2021) (consensus circulated 8/31/2023).

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd by Councilman Weeden to accept and approve 2023-RES-095 Ratification of Approval to Submit the Ajana Foundation Food Sovereignty Program Application (consensus circulated 9/12/2023).

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd by Councilman Weeden to ratify the emergency approval of Stephen Cabral to be buried in the Old Indian Cemetery.

All those in favor: Councilwoman Pocknett, Secretary Jackson, Chief Mills, Councilman Andrews, Councilman Weeden, Councilwoman Greendeer, Councilwoman Brown

*All those opposed: Vice Chairman Hendricks, Councilman Tiexeira, Treasurer Foster
Motion passed.*

Meeting Dates

Table discussion to cancel or reschedule MWTC Regular Meeting set for November 15th because all officers on Travel (NCAI)

NEW BUSINESS

12 Acres Discussion

Motion made by Treasurer Foster 2nd by Secretary Jackson to accept and approve Delegating Councilwoman Brown to utilize Rebekah and Rich May to provide guidance regarding 12 Acres negotiations.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Homeless State of Emergency Declaration

Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd by Councilwoman Greendeer to accept and approve 2023-RES-096 Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council Declaration of a State of Emergency Due to the Homeless Crisis.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

NCAI Membership Approval

Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd by Councilman Weeden to accept and approve 2023-RES-097 Approval and Authorization of National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Tribal Membership with edits.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

USET Membership Approval

Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd by Councilman Weeden to accept and approve 2023-RES-098 Approval and Authorization of USET Tribal Membership.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

National Grid Approval

Motion made by Treasurer Foster 2nd by Secretary Jackson to accept and approve 2023-RES-099 Approval to enter into agreement with National Grid to Proceed with Commercial Gas Service/Main Installation.

All those in favor: Councilwoman Pocknett, Secretary Jackson, Vice Chairman Hendricks, Chief Mills, Councilman Tiexeira, Councilman Andrews, Councilwoman Greendeer, Councilwoman Brown, Treasurer Foster

All those abstained: Councilman Weeden

Motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd by Treasurer Foster to enter into executive session at 6:19p.m.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Exit executive session at 7:21

Litigation Update - Cromwell Discussion

Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira 2nd by Secretary Jackson to authorize negotiations team and Councilwoman Brown to follow up with legal in regards to the Cromwell matter.

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

*Motion made by Councilman Weeden 2nd by Chief Mills to enter into executive session at 7:22p.m.
All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.
Motion passed.*

Exited executive session at 8:32p.m.

Tribal Council Matters

Homeless Update – Plaza Del Sol

Discussed.

Housing Matters

Discussed.

Adjournment

*Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd by Councilman Weeden to adjourn meeting at 8:32p.m.
All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.
Motion passed.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Cassie D. Jackson

MWTC Secretary