



MASHPEE WAMPANOAG TRIBAL COUNCIL
483 Great Neck Rd. South
Mashpee, MA 02469
Tribal Council Chambers
Emergency Tribal Council Meeting
January 28, 2020
Minutes Approved February 5, 2020

CALL TO ORDER- Chairman Cromwell **OPEN PRAYER-** Dave Pocknett Jr.
Chairman Cedric Cromwell called to order the Emergency Tribal Council Meeting of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council at 5:40pm
Emergency Session began @ 5:44pm
Executive Session @ 6:30 pm
Out of Executive @6:59 pm
Executive Session @ 7:53 pm
Out of Executive @ 7:49 pm
Adjourned at: 7:57pm

I. HOUSEKEEPING

Attendance: Ann Marie Askew, Cedric Cromwell, Gordon Harris, Carlton Hendricks Jr., Rita Gonsalves, Dave Weeden, Aaron Tobey Jr., and Yvonne Avant (Quorum 8)
Excused absences: Winnie Johnson Graham, Brian Weeden, and Jessie Baird
Guests: Attorney Rebekah Salguero (Via conference call)

Motion made by Secretary Askew and 2nd by Councilwoman Avant to commence today's Emergency Tribal Council meeting on Tuesday January 28, 2020 at 5:40 pm in Tribal Council Chambers, at the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Community and Government center at 483 Great Neck Rd. So. Mashpee, MA 02649. Unanimous by all those present. Motion passed.

Motion made by Secretary Askew and 2nd by Councilwoman Avant to accept and approve the agenda for today's Emergency Tribal Council meeting on Tuesday January 28, 2020. Unanimous by all those present. Motion passed.

Public Comment
Dave Pocknett Sr.
Jaime Harding

Dave Pocknett Jr.

New Business

Motion made by Secretary Askew and 2nd by Councilwoman Avant to accept and approve 2020-RES-003 Approval Of payments related to the law office of Michaela D. McCuish agreement. Unanimous by all those present. Motion passed.

There's a hearing in 3 weeks regarding civil case (one of the Aboriginal rights cases). Attorney Salguero who is also working with Attorney Peter d'Errico will provide Attorney McCuish all of the background necessary to move forward with the case. There's a pending Mills citation in Barnstable Court.

Motion made by Secretary Askew and 2nd by Councilwoman Avant to turn recorders off during executive session. All those in favor were Councilwoman Avant. All those opposed were Secretary Askew, Treasurer Harris, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman Hendricks, Councilman Weeden, and Councilman Tobey. All those in favor were Councilwoman Avant. Motion failed.

Motion made by Secretary Askew and 2nd by Councilwoman Avant to go into executive session at 6:33 pm.

Motion to come out of Executive session at 6:59 pm.

Motion made by Councilman Hendricks and 2nd by Secretary Askew to accept and approve 2020-RES-004 Resolution Approving transfer of Tribal Funds held in Tilden Toelupe Trust Account to the tribe for purposes of Aboriginal Rights Defense. All those in favor was unanimous.

Councilman Hendricks has requested a total of what has been spent on Gooseberry Island litigation.

Motion made by Secretary Askew and 2nd by Councilwoman Avant to commence settlement discussion with Gooseberry Island Trust concerning Bridge discussion. All those opposed was unanimous. Motion failed.

Motion made by Secretary Askew and 2nd by Councilman Hendricks to go back into executive session at 7:05 pm. Unanimous by all those present. Motion passed.

Out of Executive session at 7:49 pm

Motion made by Councilman Hendricks and 2nd by Councilwoman Gonsalves to have LIHeap Coordinator reduced to part time. All those in favor were Treasurer Harris, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman Hendricks, Councilman D. Weeden, Councilman Tobey, and Councilwoman Avant. All those who recused were Secretary Askew. Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilman Weeden and 2nd by Secretary Askew to allocate 40,000 towards the tribal police. All those in favor were Secretary Askew, Treasurer Harris, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman Hendricks, Councilman D. Weeden, and Councilman Tobey. All those who recused were Councilwoman Avant. Motion passed.

Motion made by Secretary Askew and 2nd by Councilwoman Avant to layoff the facilities manager. All those in favor were Secretary Askew, Treasurer Harris, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman Hendricks, Councilman Tobey, and Councilwoman Avant. All those who recused were Councilman D. Weeden. Motion passed.

Motion made by Secretary Askew and 2nd by Councilwoman Avant to layoff the Communications Manager. All those in favor were Secretary Askew, Treasurer Harris, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman Tobey, and Councilwoman Avant. All those who recused were Councilman D. Weeden. Motion passed.

Motion made by secretary Askew and 2nd by Councilman Hendricks to layoff the Human Resource Generalist. All those in favor were Secretary Askew, Treasurer Harris, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman Hendricks, Councilman Tobey, and Councilwoman Avant. All those who recused were Councilman D. Weeden. Motion passed.

Motion made by Treasurer Harris and 2nd by Secretary Askew to reduce Chairman Cromwell's salary by \$ 10,000. Unanimous by all those present. Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilman Hendricks and 2nd by Councilwoman Avant to lay off the executive administrative Assistant to the chairman. Unanimous by all those present. Motion passed.

Motion made by Secretary Askew and 2nd by Treasurer Harris to lay off the Shellfish Manager. All those in favor were Secretary Askew, Treasurer Harris, Councilman

Hendricks, Councilman D. Weeden, and Councilwoman Avant. All those who opposed were Councilwoman Gonsalves, and Councilman Tobey. Motion passed.

Motion made by Secretary Askew and 2nd by Councilwoman Avant to adjourn tonight's Tribal Council meeting @ 7:57 pm. All in favor by the sign of "ayes."

Meeting Minutes Submitted by Secretary Askew