



MASHPEE WAMPANOAG TRIBAL COUNCIL  
483 Great Neck Rd. South  
Mashpee, MA 02469  
Tribal Council Chambers  
Regular Tribal Council Meeting  
January 29, 2020  
Minutes Approved on February 5, 2020

**CALL TO ORDER-** Chairman Cromwell    **OPEN PRAYER-** Chairman Cromwell  
Chairman Cedric Cromwell called to order the Regular Tribal Council Meeting of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council at 5:43 pm  
Regular Session began 5:49 pm  
Executive Session at 8:20 pm  
Out of Executive Session at 8:26 pm  
Adjourned at: 8:29pm

**I. HOUSEKEEPING**

Attendance: Winnie Johnson Graham, Jessie Baird, Cedric Cromwell, Brian Weeden, Gordon Harris, Carlton Hendricks Jr., Dave Weeden, Aaron Tobey Jr. Yvonne Avant, and Ann Marie Askew (Quorum 11)  
Excused Absence: Rita Gonsalves  
Guests: Attorney Rebekah Salguero

Motion made by Vice Chairwoman Baird and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Johnson Graham to commence today's Regular Tribal Council meeting on January 29, 2020 at 5:43 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 Vice Chairwoman Baird and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Johnson Graham to accept and approve today's regular Tribal Council meeting agenda on Wednesday January 29, 2020 with edits. All those in favor were Councilwoman Johnson Graham, Councilman B. Weeden, Treasurer Harris, Councilman Hendricks, Councilman D. Weeden, Councilman Tobey, Councilwoman Avant, and Secretary Askew. All those who opposed were Vice Chairwoman Baird. Motion passed.

**Meeting Minutes**

Motion made by Vice Chairwoman Baird, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Johnson Graham to accept and approve with edits Regular Tribal Council meeting minutes for Wednesday January 8, 2020. Unanimous by all those present. Motion passed.

Motion made by Vice Chairwoman Baird and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Winnie Johnson Graham to accept and approve with edits meeting minutes for Wednesday 1/14/20. All those in favor were Councilwoman Johnson Graham, Councilman B. Weeden, Treasurer Harris, Councilman Hendricks, Councilman D. Weeden, Councilman Tobey, Councilwoman Avant, and Secretary Askew. All those who abstained were Vice Chairwoman Baird. Motion passed.

Motion made by Vice Chairwoman and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman B. Weeden to accept and approve with edits meeting minutes for Wednesday 1/15/20 . All those in favor were Councilwoman Johnson Graham, Vice Chairwoman Baird, Councilman B. Weeden, Treasurer Harris, Councilman Hendricks, Councilman D. Weeden, Councilman Tobey, and Councilwoman Avant. All those who abstained were Secretary Askew. Motion passed.

Motion made by Secretary Askew and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Johnson Graham to accept and approve with edits regular Tribal Council meeting minutes for Wednesday 1/22/20. All those in favor were Councilwoman Johnson Graham, Treasurer Harris, Councilman Hendricks, Councilman D. Weeden, Councilman Tobey, Councilwoman Avant, and Secretary Askew. All those who abstained were Vice Chairwoman Baird, and Councilman B. Weeden. Motion passed.

Public Comment- Dave Pocknett Sr.

Committees, Commissions and Appointments- None

## II. New Business

### TERO Update

Motion made by Councilman D. Weeden and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Tobey to accept and approve IGOR's Construction Compliance Plan. All those in favor were Councilwoman Johnson Graham, Vice Chairwoman Baird, Councilman B. Weeden, Treasurer Harris, Councilman D. Weeden, Councilman Tobey, Councilwoman Avant, and Secretary Askew. All those who abstained were Councilman Hendricks. Motion passed.

## III. Ratifications:

Motion made by Councilman D. Weeden and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Secretary Askew to Ratify to accept and Reapproval of transfer of funds held in Tilden and Toelupe LLC Trust account Trust account to the tribe for purposes of aboriginal rights defense . Unanimous by all present. Motion passed.

Attorney Salguero spoke to Braken Sawyer regarding deferred payment, and new contract would be brought back to the table.

Motion made by Councilman D. Weeden and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Treasurer Harris to accept and approve of 2020-RES-006 Ratification of payment related to offices of Michaela D. McCuish. All those in favor were Councilman Johnson Graham, Councilman B. Weeden, Treasurer Harris, Councilman Hendricks, Councilman D. Weeden, Councilman Tobey, Councilwoman Avant, and Secretary Askew. All those who recused were Vice Chairwoman Baird. Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilman Hendricks and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman D. Weeden to ratify resolution to commence settlement discussion with Gooseberry Island Trust. All those in favor were Councilwoman Johnson Graham, Vice Chairwoman Baird, Treasurer Harris, Councilman Hendricks, Councilman D. Weeden, Councilman Tobey, and Councilwoman Avant. All those who abstained were Councilman B. Weeden and Secretary Askew. Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilwoman Avant and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Treasurer Harris to ratify the LHeap position to be reduced to part-time. All those in favor were Treasurer Harris, Councilman Hendricks, Councilman D. Weeden, Councilman Tobey, and Councilwoman Avant. All those opposed were Councilwoman Johnson Graham. All those who abstained were Vice Chairwoman Baird, Councilman B. Weeden, and Secretary Askew. Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilman B. Weeden and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Johnson Graham to amend the previous motion and table until the Chairman has time to speak to the positions to be laid off. All those in favor were Councilwoman Johnson Graham, Vice Chairwoman Baird, Councilman B. Weeden, and Treasurer Harris. All those opposed were Councilman Hendricks, Councilman D. Weeden, Councilman Tobey, Councilwoman Avant, and Secretary Askew. Motion failed.

Motion made by Treasurer Harris and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman D. Weeden to Ratify for Tribal Council to allocate \$40,000 between the two tribal police. All those in favor were Councilwoman Johnson Graham, Vice Chairwoman Baird, Treasurer Harris,

Councilman Hendricks, Councilman D. Weeden, Councilman Tobey, and Secretary Askew. All those who recused were Councilwoman Avant. All those who abstained were Councilman B. Weeden. Motion passed.

There was discussion regarding complaint about Tribal Police, and Councilman Tobey requested that the complaints be documented.

Motion made by Councilwoman Johnson Graham and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Secretary Askew to Ratify to reduce the Chairman's salary by \$10,000. Unanimous by all those present. Motion passed.

Motion made by Secretary Askew and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Hendricks to Ratify to lay off the Facility Manager's position. All those in favor were Treasurer Harris, Councilman Hendricks, Councilman D. Weeden, Councilman Tobey, Councilwoman Avant, and Secretary Askew. All those who opposed were Vice Chairwoman Baird. All those who abstained were Councilwoman Johnson Graham and Councilman B. Weeden. Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilman Hendricks and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Tobey to Ratify to lay off the Communication's Manager Position. All those in favor were Councilwoman Johnson Graham, Treasurer Harris, Councilman Hendricks, Councilman Tobey, Councilwoman Avant, and Secretary Askew. All those who opposed were Vice Chairwoman Baird. All those who recused were Councilman D. Weeden. All those who abstained were Councilman B. Weeden. Motion passed.

Motion made by Secretary Askew and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Hendricks to Ratify to lay off the Shellfish Manager position. All those in favor were Treasurer Harris, Councilman Hendricks, Councilman D. Weeden, Councilwoman Avant, and Secretary Askew. All those who opposed were Councilman Tobey. All those who abstained were Councilwoman Johnson Graham, Vice Chairwoman Baird, and Councilman B. Weeden. Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilman Hendricks and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Secretary Askew to Ratify to lay off the H.R. Generalist position. All those in favor were Treasurer Harris, Councilman Hendricks, Councilman Tobey, Councilwoman Avant, and Secretary Askew. All those who opposed were Councilwoman Johnson Graham, Vice Chairwoman Baird, and Councilman B. Weeden. All those who abstained were Councilman D. Weeden. Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilman Hendricks and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Tobey to Ratify to lay off the Executive Administrative Assistant position. All those in favor were Treasurer Harris, Councilman Hendricks, Councilman D. Weeden, Councilman Tobey, and Councilwoman Avant. All those opposed were Councilwoman Johnson Graham, and Vice Chairwoman Baird. All those who abstained were Councilman B. Weeden, and Secretary Askew. Motion passed.

#### IV. New Business

Motion made by Councilwoman Johnson Graham and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman D. Weeden to accept and approval of Hazard Mitigation plan. All those who were in favor were Councilwoman Johnson Graham, Treasurer Harris, Councilman Hendricks, Councilman D. Weeden, Councilman Tobey, Councilwoman Avant, and Secretary Askew. All those who abstained were Vice Chairwoman Baird, and Councilman B. Weeden. Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilwoman Johnson Graham and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Secretary Askew to accept and approve Tribal Pre- Disaster Mitigation Grant. All those in favor were Councilwoman Johnson Graham, Treasurer Harris, Councilman D. Weeden, Councilman Tobey, Councilwoman Avant, and Secretary Askew. All those who abstained were Vice Chairwoman Baird, Councilman B. Weeden, and Councilman Hendricks. Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilwoman Johnson Graham and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman D. Weeden to accept and approve 2020-RES-009 Resolution Approving and Authorizing the submittal of an application for Indian Community Block Grant Funds. Unanimous by all those present. Motion passed.

Motion made by Secretary Askew and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman B. Weeden to extend the meeting until 8:30 pm. All those in favor were Councilwoman Johnson Graham, Treasurer Harris, Councilman Hendricks, Councilman D. Weeden, Councilman Tobey, Councilwoman Avant, and Secretary Askew. All those opposed were Vice Chairwoman Baird, and Councilman B. Weeden. Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilwoman Johnson Graham and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Secretary Askew to accept and approve 2020-RES-011 Approval of Clinical Education Agreement with Boston University For Unpaid Internship Opportunities With Children And Family Services. All those in favor were Councilwoman Johnson Graham, Vice Chairwoman

Baird, Councilman B. Weeden, Treasurer Harris, Councilman D. Weeden, Councilman Tobey, Councilwoman Avant, and Secretary Askew. All those who abstained were Councilman Hendricks. Motion passed.

Motion made by Secretary Askew and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Johnson Graham to go into executive session at 8:20 pm. Unanimous by all those present by the sign of "ayes".

**Out of Executive Session at 8:26 pm**

Motion made by Councilman D. Weeden and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Secretary Askew to accept and approve a Regular Tribal Council Meeting on Wednesday 2/5/20 from 5:30-8:00 pm at MWT Community & Gov't CTR. 483 Great Neck Rd. So. Mashpee, Ma. 02649. Unanimous by all those present. Vice Chair Baird was not present for the vote.

Motion made by Secretary Askew and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Johnson Graham to adjourn tonight's meeting at 8:29 pm. All in favor by the sign of "ayes".

**Chairman will get with the Treasurer regarding the layoff letter notification.**

**Minutes Submitted by Secretary Ann Marie Askew**