



MASHPEE WAMPANOAG TRIBAL COUNCIL

483 Great Neck Rd. South

Mashpee, MA 02469

Via Zoom Conference Call

Emergency Meeting

Thursday -January 7, 2021

5:00- 7:00 pm

(Revised and Approved 6/16/2021)

- I. **CALL TO ORDER-** Jessie Baird **OPEN PRAYER-** Brian Weeden
Vice Chair Baird called to order the Emergency Meeting of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council.
Regular Session began at: 5:14 pm
Adjourned at: 6:30 pm

- II. **HOUSEKEEPING**
Attendance: Jessie Baird, Winnie Graham, Brian Weeden, Carlton Hendricks, Councilwoman Gonsalves (arrived late) Aaron Tobey Jr., Yvonne Avant, and Ann Marie Askew Quorum (8)
 - a. Excused Absence: Gordon Harris, and Dave Weeden
 - b. Guests were: Attorney's Rebekah Salguero
 - c. Motion made by Councilwoman Avant and 2nd by Secretary Ann Marie Askew to commence the Emergency Tribal Council Meeting @ 5:14 pm , on Thursday 1/7/21. All those in favor were unanimous. Motion passed.
 - d. Motion made by Councilwoman Avant and 2nd by Secretary Askew to accept and approve the agenda for today's Emergency Tribal Council Meeting on Thursday 1/7/21. All those in favor were Councilwoman Johnson Graham, Councilman B. Weeden, Councilwoman Avant, and Secretary Askew. All those opposed were Councilman Hendricks and Councilman Tobey. Motion passed.

Public comment:

Kimmie Frye

Crystal Aswie

III. **New Business**

Vaccine Update- CRM database MOU with tribe regarding data base

Motion made by Councilman B. Weeden and 2nd by Secretary Askew to accept and approve for IHS to have access to the CRM data base. Unanimous by all those present. Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilman Tobey and 2nd by Secretary Askew for Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Health Service Unit to have access to those enrolled tribal members in the chisda area. All those in favor were Councilwoman Johnson Graham, Councilman Hendricks, Councilman Tobey, Councilwoman Avant, and Secretary Askew. All those opposed were Councilman B. Weeden. Motion passed.

Legal Services for Election

Motion made by Secretary Askew and 2nd by Councilwoman Johnson Graham to accept and approve 2021-RES-001 Resolution Approving proposal and retainer letter for special Counsel Legal services (Election Committee) with Jacobson Law Group. All those in favor were Councilwoman Johnson Graham, Councilman B. Weeden, Councilwoman Avant, and Secretary Askew. All those opposed were Councilman Hendricks and Councilman Tobey. All those abstained were Councilwoman Gonsalves. Motion passed.

Need for building Official for First Light Project

Motion made by Councilman B. Weeden and 2nd by Councilwoman Johnson Graham to accept and approve 2021-RES-002 Approval of Temporary Appointment of the Mashpee Wampanoag Building Official. Unanimous by all those present. Motion passed.

RGB Invoice (Legal)- update-payment of invoices for childcare facility

Motion made by Secretary Askew and 2nd by Councilwoman Avant to ask Attorney Salguero to put in a motion of dismissal on grounds of sovereign immunity in Tribal court. All those in favor were Councilwoman Johnson Graham, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilwoman Avant, and Secretary Askew. All those opposed were Councilman Hendricks, and Councilman Tobey. All those who abstained were Councilman B. Weeden. Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilman Tobey and 2nd by Councilman Hendricks to waive our sovereign immunity and let the case be heard on merits. All those in favor were

Councilman Hendricks, and Councilman Tobey. All those opposed were Councilwoman Johnson Graham, Councilman B. Weeden, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilwoman Avant, and Secretary Askew. Motion failed.

Motion made by Councilman B. Weeden and 2nd by Secretary Askew to extend and affirm to remove Cedric Cromwell as Tribal Council Chairman and signatory. All those in favor were Councilwoman Johnson Graham, Councilman B. Weeden, Councilman Tobey, Councilwoman Avant, and Secretary Askew. All those who opposed were Councilman Hendricks. Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilwoman Avant and 2nd by Councilwoman Johnson Graham to extend Emergency Resolution 2020-RES-062 Approving Signatory Authority in the absence of Chairperson of the Tribe. All those in favor were Councilwoman Johnson Graham, Councilman B. Weeden, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman Tobey, and Councilwoman Avant. All those opposed were Councilman Hendricks. All those who abstained were Secretary Askew. Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilwoman Johnson Graham and 2nd by Secretary Askew to extend Councilman B. Weeden as Operations Liaison. All those in favor were Councilwoman Johnson Graham, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman Tobey, Councilwoman Avant, and Secretary Askew. All those opposed were Councilman Hendricks. All those who recused were Councilman B. Weeden. Motion passed.

Motion made by Secretary Askew and 2nd by Councilwoman Johnson Graham to extend notice for another 30 days to expel Cedric Cromwell as Tribal Chairman based on Article 8 of the Constitution. All those in favor were Councilwoman Johnson Graham, Councilman B. Weeden, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman Tobey, Councilwoman Avant, and Secretary Askew. All those opposed were Councilman Hendricks. Motion passed.

Motion made by Secretary Askew and 2nd by Councilman B. Weeden to extend the contract for RGB for another 30 days. All those in favor were Councilwoman Johnson Graham, Councilman B. Weeden, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman Tobey, Councilwoman Avant, and Secretary Askew. All those opposed were Councilman Hendricks. Motion passed.

Motion made by Secretary Askew and 2nd by Councilman B. Weeden to extend the expulsion of Cedric Cromwell another 30 days. All those in favor were Councilwoman

Johnson Graham, Councilman B. Weeden, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman Tobey, Councilwoman Avant, and Secretary Askew. All those opposed were Councilman Hendricks. Motion passed. (6 yes and 1 no)

Motion made by Secretary Askew and 2nd by Councilman B. Weeden to extend the suspension of Hazard pay. All those in favor were Councilwoman Johnson Graham, Councilman B. Weeden, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman Tobey, and Councilwoman Avant. All those opposed were Councilman Hendricks, All those who abstained were Secretary Askew. Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilman Brian Weeden and 2nd by Councilwoman Johnson Graham to adjourn tonight's meeting at 6:30 pm. All in favor by the sign of "ayes". Motion passed.

Submitted By: Annmarie Askew

Revised By: Secretary Cassie D. Jackson

Approved and Accepted on June 16, 2021