



MASHPEE WAMPANOAG TRIBAL COUNCIL

483 Great Neck Rd. South

Mashpee, MA 02469

Tribal Council Chambers

Regular Tribal Council Meeting

January 8, 2020

Meeting Minutes Approved on January 29, 2020

CALL TO ORDER- Chairman Cromwell **OPEN PRAYER-** Rita Gonsalves

Chairman Cedric Cromwell called to order the Regular Tribal Council Meeting of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council at 5:46 pm

Regular Session began 5:49 pm

Executive Session at 7:17 pm

Out of Executive Session at 8:22 pm

Adjourned at: 8:43pm

I. HOUSEKEEPING

Attendance: Winnie Johnson Graham, Cedric Cromwell, , Brian Weeden, Jessie Baird (Arrived at 6:31 pm), Gordon Harris, Rita Gonsalves, Carlton Hendricks Jr., Dave Weeden, Aaron Tobey Jr., Yvonne Avant, and Ann Marie Askew (Quorum 11)

Motion made by Councilman D. Weeden and 2nd by Councilwoman Johnson Graham to commence today's Regular Tribal Council meeting on December 18, 2019 at 5:46 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 Councilman B. Weeden and 2nd by Councilwoman Johnson Graham to accept and approve today's regular Tribal Council meeting agenda on Wednesday December 18,2019 with edits. Unanimous by All those present. Motion passed.
Councilman Hendricks requested 184 lease be a priority on the agenda, and the 2020 budget should be worked on immediately. Councilman Tobey requested "Toys for Tots" be added to the agenda.

Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Secretary Askew and 2nd by Councilman B. Weeden to accept and approve with edits meeting minutes for Wednesday 12/4/19. All those in favor were

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

Motion made by Councilwoman Winnie Johnson Graham and Councilman B. Weeden to accept and approve with edits meeting minutes for Wednesday 12/12/19. All those in favor were Councilwoman Johnson Graham, Treasurer Harris, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman D. Weeden, and Councilwoman Avant. All those who abstained were Councilman B. Weeden, Councilman Hendricks, and Secretary Askew. Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilwoman Johnson Graham and 2nd by Secretary Askew to accept and approve with edits meeting minutes for Tuesday 12/17/19. All those in favor were Councilwoman Johnson Graham, Councilman B. Weeden, Councilman Hendricks, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman D. Weeden, Councilman Tobey, Councilwoman Avant, and Secretary Askew. All those who abstained were Treasurer Harris. Motion passed.

Public Comment- Winnie Johnson Graham, and Ann Marie Askew

Committees, Commissions & Appointments-

Motion made by Councilwoman Johnson Graham and 2nd by Secretary Askew to accept and approve Councilman B. Weeden as a shareholder representative for the CDC. All those in favor were Councilwoman Johnson Graham, Treasurer Harris, Councilwoman Gonsalves, and Councilwoman Avant. All those opposed were Councilman Hendricks, and Councilman Tobey. All those who abstained were Councilman D. Weeden and Secretary n Askew. Motion failed.

Motion made by Councilwoman Johnson Graham and 2nd by Councilwoman Avant to accept and approve a letter of exception for conflict of interest policy for employment purposes. All those in favor were Councilwoman Johnson Graham, Treasurer Harris, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman Hendricks, Councilman Tobey, Councilwoman Avant, and Secretary Askew. Al those who recused themselves were Councilman B. Weeden, and Councilman D. Weeden. Motion passed.

For the record Councilman Brian Weeden stepped down as operations liaison.

Motion made by Secretary Askew and 2nd by Councilwoman Johnson Graham to ratify the Sullivan employee Healthcare Insurance Coverage. All those in favor were Councilwoman Johnson Graham, Treasurer Harris, Councilwoman Gonsalves, 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.

II. New Business

IRS Reimbursement: Taxes for some Tribal Council members. There was an investigation that was completed by Attorney Mark Tilden that stated the Comptroller (Rudy Roman) acted out of his authority regarding the tax refund to some Tribal Council members. (\$27,000).

The Treasurer filed a claim with the Tribe's Insurance Company for Financial Impropriety. The insurance Company determined that the Comptroller acted out of his authority and claim was filed on 10/23/19. The tribe was awarded @28,062.30 - \$1,000.00 deductible, and therefore it leaves the tribe \$1000.00 in the deficit.

Motion made by Councilman Hendricks and 2nd by Councilman D. Weeden to have the 5 tribal council members who received an IRS reimbursement pay the tribe back the \$1000.00. All those in favor were Councilman Hendricks. All those opposed were Vice Chairwoman Baird, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman D. Weeden, and Councilman Tobey. All those who abstained were Councilman B. Weeden, Treasurer Harris, and Secretary Askew. All those who recused themselves were Councilwoman Johnson Graham, and Councilwoman Avant. Motion failed.

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

Motion made by Vice Chairwoman Baird, and 2nd by Councilman B. Weeden to go into executive session at 7:17 pm. All of favor by the sign of "ayes".

Out of Executive at 7:59 pm

Motion made by Vice Chairwoman Baird and 2nd by Councilwoman Johnson Graham to extend the meeting until 8:30 pm. All those in favor were Councilwoman Johnson Graham, Councilman B. Weeden, Treasurer Harris, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman Hendricks, Councilman D. Weeden, Councilman Tobey, Councilwoman Avant, and Secretary Askew. 1 opposed Vice Chairwoman Baird. Motion passed.

Motion made By Councilwoman Johnson Graham and 3rd by Secretary Askew to turn recorders off for executive session. All those in favor were Councilwoman Johnson Graham, Treasurer Harris, Councilman Tobey, and Councilwoman Avant. All those opposed were Vice Chairwoman Baird, Councilman B. Weeden, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman Hendricks, Councilman D. Weeden, and Secretary Askew.

Back in executive at 8:01 pm

Out of Executive at 8:40 pm

Motion made by Vice Chairwoman Baird and 2nd by Councilwoman Johnson Graham to extend the meeting until 8:50pm. All those in favor were Councilwoman Johnson Graham, Vice Chairwoman Baird, Treasurer Harris, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman Hendricks, Councilman D. Weeden, Councilman Tobey, Councilwoman Avant, and Secretary Askew. Motion passed.

Consensus to schedule a regular Tribal Council meeting on Tuesday 1/14/20 from 5:30-8:00 pm at MWT Community & Gov't Ctr. 483 Great Neck Rd. So. Mashpee, Ma. 02649. The Meeting is dedicated to continuing discussion from Wednesday 1/8/20 Tribal Council Meeting. Unanimous by all those present. Motion passed.

Motion made by Vice Chairwoman Baird and 2nd by Secretary Askew to adjourn at 8:43 pm. All in favor by the sign of "ayes".

Submitted by Secretary Askew