



**MASHPEE WAMPANOAG TRIBAL COUNCIL**  
**483 Great Neck Rd. South**  
**Mashpee, MA 02469**  
**Emergency Tribal Council Meeting**  
**Monday 11/16/20**  
**Via Zoom Conference Call**

**I. CALL TO ORDER- Secretary Askew      OPEN PRAYER- Rita Gonsalves**

Secretary Askew called to order the Emergency Meeting of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council.

Emergency Session began at: 3:11 pm

Adjourned at: 4:00 pm

**II. HOUSEKEEPING**

Attendance: Yvonne Avant, Brian Weeden, Rita Gonsalves, Carlton Hendricks, Dave Weeden, Aaron Tobey Jr., and Ann Marie Askew

Excused Absence: Jessie Baird, Winnie Johnson Graham, and Gordon Harris

Public comment: Dave Pocknett

**III. New Business - Federal Indictment- Chairman Cromwell**

**Vice Chair Baird – Signatory, Raymond James- Tribal Housing Project**

**REDW- Finance Denise- Councilman Hendricks requested Details of Hazard Pay from REDW**

**Bank Statements + 2.9 Million in accounts sent**

**Councilman Brian Weeden Sign off /Dates SF25; Reporting from grant**

**Questions preparing a budget- 2 departments failed to give budget, so budget is Incomplete.**

**Councilwoman Gonsalves had questions regarding last year's (2019) budget that Failed at the Tribal Council Table- was there a contingent budget.**

Councilman Tobey asked if there are revenues coming in other than IDC (CRMS) BIA 638- outside of covid issues. Would like a full update on the finance department. Also gaming authority statements.

Councilwoman Avant stated that the Treasurer has statements for Gaming authority.

Councilwoman Gonsalves asked Finance Denise Hathaway How she is about pulling Reports out of the Abila system regarding previous requests for the current Investigations.

#### **IV. Executive Session**

Motion made by Councilwoman Avant and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman D. Weeden to go into Executive session. All those in favor were Councilwoman Avant, and Councilman D. Weeden. All those opposed were Councilman B. Weeden, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman Hendricks, and Councilman Tobey. Motion failed.

#### **Genting**

Kevin Jones from Genting offered help to the Tribe from Genting and stated that Genting is willing to wire money to the TD North Bank for the Tribe to use as they see the need, A Forensic Audit of the Gaming Authority was discussed.

Councilwoman Yvonne Avant stated that a Forensic Audit is currently being done and that a copy of the audit will be provided to Tribal Council ASAP.

Councilwoman Gonsalves asked about an internal assessment.

Councilman Brian Weeden stated he would like to see the pilot payment paid from any monies received from Genting or from the Gaming Authority refund that was received regarding the rental agreement for the office space in Taunton.

Currently there's a push to open "region C",

# Of various bills: Worcester, Raynham.

Tribe needs to provide informational updates- how tribe regrets set of circumstances, and how the tribe wants to proceed with the Pilot Payment.

We need to send out a strong press release stating the Tribe's struggles and Goals, and that the tribe need to continue the fight. Put together a strong press release.

Kevin Jones stated need to put together Crisis Management- allocate a team to Public relations.

Motion made by Councilwoman Avant and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Gonsalves to adjourn today's Emergency Tribal Council meeting at 4:00 pm. Unanimous by all those present. Motion passed.



November 16, 2020 Meeting Minutes  
Submitted by: Secretary Ann Marie Askew  
Approved by: Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council June 9, 2021

