

# MASHPEE WAMPANOAG TRIBE REGULAR TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Community/Government Center Tribal Council Chambers – 483 Great Neck Rd S – Mashpee, MA 02649 Wednesday December 8, 2021 – 5:30p.m. -8:00p.m. Available via ZOOM

# Minutes (Approved with edits 1/12/22)

#### Call to Order:

Chairman Brian Weeden called to order the Regular Tribal Council Meeting on December 8, 2021 at 5:37p.m. Regular session began at 5:37p.m.

Entered into Executive session at 6:12p.m.

Exited executive session at 7:15p.m.

Regular session adjourned at 7:57p.m.

### **Members in attendance:**

Chairman Brian Weeden, Vice Chairman Carlton Hendricks, Jr., Secretary Cassie Jackson, Treasurer Marie Stone, Councilwoman Edwina Johnson-Graham, Councilman Domingo Tiexeira, Councilwoman Rita Gonsalves, Councilman Nelson Andrews, Jr., Councilman David Weeden, Councilman Aaron Tobey, Jr., Councilwoman Yvonne Avant

Quorum (11)

Guests: Attorney Rebekah Salguero, Kevin Jones-Genting, Attorney Jeff Loeb, Robyn Thorne-RT Hawk

#### **Opening Prayer**

Crystal Asiwe

#### Commencement

Motion made by Councilman Weeden 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Tiexeira to commence the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Regular Tribal Council meeting held at 483 Great Neck Road South, Mashpee, MA 02649, Tribal Council Chambers on Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at 5:37p.m.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

All those note present: Councilwoman Johnson-Graham.

Motion passed.

#### **Approval of Agenda**

**Base Motion:** Motion made by Secretary Jackson  $2^{nd}$  by Councilman Tiexeira to accept and approve meeting agenda of 12/1/2021.

Amended Motion: Amendment made by Councilman Tobey 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vice Chairman Hendricks to include comptroller pay and disenrollment of Kayla and Kaitlyn Balbuena under old business under ratifications. All those in favor: Vice Chairman Hendricks, Councilman Tiexeira, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman Andrews, Councilman Tobey, Councilwoman Avant

All those opposed: Secretary Jackson, Councilman Weeden, Treasurer Stone

All those not present: Councilwoman Johnson-Graham

Motion passed.

*Final Motion:* Motion mad by Secretary Jackson 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Tiexeira to accept and approve meeting agenda of 12/8/21 and include comptroller pay and disenrollment of Kayla and Kaitlyn Balbuena under old business under ratifications.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

All those not present: Councilwoman Johnson-Graham

Motion passed.

### **Meeting Minutes**

Motion made by Councilman Weeden 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Andrews to approve meeting minutes of 12/1/2021.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present

All those not present: Councilwoman Johnson-Graham

Motion passed.

#### **Public Comment**

Robyn Tobey, Kayla Balbuena, Carla Riley, Stephanie Roderick, Marie Stone

# **Appointments/ Resignations**

Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Weeden to accept and approve the recommendation of the MWT Housing Commission to appoint George Green to the MWT Housing Commission.

All those in favor: Secretary Jackson, Vice Chairman Hendricks, Councilman Tiexeira, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman Andrews, Councilman Weeden, Councilwoman Avant, Councilwoman Johnson-Graham, Treasurer Stone.

All those opposed: Councilman Tobey

Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilman Weeden  $2^{nd}$  by Councilman Tiexeira to accept and approve the resignation of Marlene Perry from the Enrollment Committee.

All those in favor: Secretary Jackson, Vice Chairman Hendricks, Councilman Tiexeira, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman Andrews, Councilman Weeden, Councilwoman Johnson-Graham, Councilman Tobey, Treasurer Stone.

All those opposed: Councilwoman Avant.

Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilman Weeden  $2^{nd}$  by Councilman Tiexeira to accept and approve the resignation of Roxanne Brown from the Enrollment Committee.

All those in favor: Secretary Jackson, Vice Chairman Hendricks, Councilman Tiexeira, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman Andrews, Councilman Weeden, Councilwoman Johnson-Graham, Councilman Tobey, Treasurer Stone.

All those opposed: Councilwoman Avant.

Motion passed.

#### **EXECUTIVE**

Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Tiexeira to enter into executive session at 6:12p.m. All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Exited executive at 7:15p.m.

#### Financial Agreement

Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2<sup>nd</sup> by MS to accept and approve 2021-RES-084 Approving Extension for Genting Financing Documents and other Related Matters.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed

# **Housing Project Updates**

**Base Motion:** Motion made by Treasurer Stone 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Tiexeira to accept and approve with edits 2021-RES-083 approval of Construction Contract with Champion Builders for Tribal Housing.

Amended Motion: Amendment made by Treasurer Stone 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vice Chairman Hendricks to designate Councilman Tiexeira as lead person on this contract and housing project for health and safety. All those in favor: Secretary Jackson, Vice Chairman Hendricks, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman Andrews, Councilman Weeden, Councilman Tobey, Councilwoman Avant, Treasurer Stone. All those abstained: Councilman Tiexeira Motion passed.

Final Motion: Motion made by Treasurer Stone 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Tiexeira to accept and approve with edits 2021-RES-083 approval of Construction Contract with Champion Builders for tribal housing and designate Councilman Tiexeira as lead person on this contract and housing project for health and safety. All those in favor: Secretary Jackson, Vice Chairman Hendricks, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman Andrews, Councilman Weeden, Councilman Tobey, Councilwoman Avant, Treasurer Stone. All those abstained: Councilman Tiexeira Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilman Weeden 2<sup>nd</sup> by Treasurer Stone to authorize the law firm of Rich May to issue notice of termination to Calamar Construction Services, Inc. and QBE Insurance Company for work associated with sewage and utilities at the Mashpee Wampanoag Village.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilman Weeden 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Johnson-Graham to authorize the law firm of Rich May to issue notice of termination to Calamar Construction Services, Inc. and QBE Insurance Company for work associated with the construction of the Mashpee Wampanoag Village.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Emergency votes/Ratifications

None

Hoophole Rd. Update

Discussed.

Finance Update

Discussed.

### **Enrollment**

Motion made by Councilman Tobey  $2^{nd}$  by Treasurer Stone to restore benefits to Kayla and Kaitlyn Balbuena due to their tribal enrollment being in good standing.

All those in favor: Councilwoman Johnson-Graham, Vice Chairman Hendricks, Councilman Tiexeira,

Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman Andrews, Councilman Tobey, Treasurer Stone

All those opposed: Councilman Weeden

All those abstained: Secretary Jackson, Councilwoman Avant

Motion passed.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

# **I.H.S Sanitation Approval**

Motion made by Councilman Weeden 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Johnson-Graham to approve 2021-RES-082 Approval of Construction Contract with Robert B. Our Co., Inc. for I.H.S Expansion.

Note: Add I.H.S. "waterline" expansion in title.

All those in favor: Councilwoman Johnson-Graham, Secretary Jackson, Vice Chairman Hendricks, Councilman Tiexeira, Councilman Andrews, Councilman Weeden, Councilman Tobey, Councilwoman Avant, Treasurer Stone.

All those recused: Councilwoman Gonsalves.

Motion passed.

# NIGA 2022 Membership

Motion made by Councilwoman Johnson-Graham 2<sup>nd</sup> by Secretary Jackson to accept and approve 2021-RES-081 Approval and Authorization of NIGA Tribal Membership.

All those present: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

# LIHTC Financial Service Proposal

Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2<sup>nd</sup> by Treasurer Stone to accept and approve 2021-RES-080 Approval of Proposal from Melissa B Petersen CPA, LLC.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

#### Operations Follow Up

Motion made by Vice Chairman Hendricks  $2^{nd}$  to Treasurer Stone to accept the new Comptroller at \$150,000 that was offered.

All those in favor: Councilwoman Johnson-Graham, Secretary Jackson Treasurer Stone

All those opposed: Vice Chairman Hendricks, Councilman Tiexeira, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman Andrews, Councilman Tobey, Councilwoman Avant

All those abstained: Councilman Weeden

Motion failed.

#### Adjournment

Motion made by Treasurer Stone  $2^{nd}$  by Secretary Jackson to adjourn @ 7:57pm All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

# Respectfully Submitted,

# Cassie D. Jackson

MWTC Secretary