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**TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION
2023-RES-119
APPROVAL ESTABLISHING THE MASHPEE WAMPANOAG 12 ACRES
REVITALIZATION TASK FORCE**

WHEREAS, the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe (“Tribe”) is a federally-recognized Indian Tribe with a duly-enacted Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council (“Tribal Council”), the governing body of the Tribe, deems it essential, and is empowered, under Article VI, §2.A. of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Constitution to promote and protect the health and general welfare of the members of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe strives to preserve our land, ways of life and values; and

WHEREAS, the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe strives to exercise our sovereign rights and maintain our tribal identity; and

WHEREAS, the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe has long standing historical and ancestral ties the lands located in the Town of Mashpee that include three (3) parcels located along Main Street and Lake Avenue owned by the Town of Mashpee and including Attaquin Park Beach (“12 Acres”); and

WHEREAS, during the summer of 2023, Tribal Member Talia Landry officially petitioned the Town of Mashpee to transfer ownership of 12 Acres comprised of Parcel No: 28-2-0 (35 Lake Avenue), Parcel No:28-3 - 0 (415 Main St.), and Parcel No: 36-80-0 (409 Main St.) to the Tribe (“Article 12 Petition”); and

WHEREAS, the Tribe wishes to have the land conveyed to the Tribe for historical, educational, and cultural uses to construct a true replica of a traditional Wampanoag Village to accurately depict daily life and complement the adjacent Tribal historic sites within the towns existing Historical District; and

WHEREAS, on October 16, 2023, the residents of the town of Mashpee voted to approve the Article 12 Petition as printed in the Warrant and passed 393 in favor to 79 in opposition; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe recognizes the potential benefits from the conveyance of the 12 Acres that would include but are not limited to:

- Educating tribal youth and community members on traditional cultural practices
- Promoting conservation and clean water initiatives
- Promoting economic development

- Providing employment opportunities for tribal members
- Expanding the Tribe's land base

WHEREAS, the Tribe acknowledges the need to create a Task Force to initiate negotiations with the Town concerning the conveyance, steer project strategic planning, and address any related issues; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Tribal Council hereby approves and authorizes the establishment of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe 12 Acres Revitalization Task Force is to initiate negotiations with the Town concerning the land conveyance, to support all project efforts and advise Tribal Council on all matters that impact the project (the "Task Force").

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Task Force shall meet at least once (1) a month or as needed to fulfill its purpose. A quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the shall be the majority Task Force of its five (5) members comprised of the following: (1) Presiding Officer/Chairperson, (1) Treasurer/Recording Secretary (1) traditional tribal chief (1) ARP-AIRE Project manager and one (1) Tribal member at large. Members shall serve without compensation, in an advisory capacity, and for a term of three (3) years or upon the completion of the village negotiations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Task Force will appoint officers from within to serve as Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer by an affirmative vote of a majority of all members present at a duly called meeting. The Chairperson shall serve as the official representative of the Task Force, preside over the meetings, set the agenda of the meetings, provide quarterly reports to the Tribal Council, and perform such other duties that the Tribal Council may require. The Secretary shall keep full and accurate records of all meetings and actions taken by the Task Force. The Treasurer shall keep full and accurate financial records of all accounts receivable and payable of the Task Force. In the absence of the Chairperson, the Secretary will assume the roles and responsibilities of the Chairperson. In absence of the Secretary, the Treasurer will assume the roles and responsibilities of the Chairperson. Officers shall serve a one-year term. Officer appointments will be scheduled no later than the meeting prior to the expiration of the officer's terms.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Tribal Council will permit express authority to the Task Force to manage incoming and outgoing funds and shall have the authority to review and request reports of the Task Force activities, decisions and financials at any time.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Task Force, a subordinate body to the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council, retains all rights of sovereign immunity of the Tribe and shall not have the authority to waive the sovereign immunity of the Tribe or any of its officers, agents, attorneys, or employees, or anyone else acting at the direction of and on behalf of the Tribe unless otherwise provided by law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Tribal Council may remove members from his/her position for "Just Cause" upon the recommendation of three (3) or more of the regular voting members of the board and/or a majority vote of the Tribal Council. "Just Cause" may include, but is not limited to:

1. A conviction of drug-related criminal activity, sex offenses, or capital crimes, and/or falsification of information.
2. A dereliction of duty by missing more than three (3) or more consecutive meetings without being excused by the Chairperson.
3. Disregard of policies or procedures.
4. Public misconduct that reflects poorly upon the Tribe and its members.
5. Violation of applicable Tribal law or policies.


BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Tribal Council, or in his absence or unavailability, other Tribal Council Officer, is hereby authorized to take all necessary action to enforce and take such other actions as are reasonable and necessary in furtherance of the execution or performance of this resolution and shall remain in effect.

Effective immediately and until revoked or modified by the Tribal Council, pursuant to the authority vested in the Tribal Council pursuant to Article VI, Section 2.A of the Constitution of the Mashpee Wampanoag. All resolutions or parts of resolutions inconsistent with this resolution are repealed.


CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned Chairperson and Secretary of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council do hereby certify that the Tribal Council is composed of 13 members of whom 12, constituting a quorum, were present at a meeting thereof, duly and regularly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 6th day of December 2023, and that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the affirmative vote of 0 members, with 0 opposing, and with 11 not voting.

Dated this 6th day of December, 2023.


Brian M. Weeden, CHAIRMAN
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council

ATTEST:


Cassie D. Jackson, SECRETARY
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council