



MASHPEE WAMPANOAG TRIBAL COUNCIL
483 Great Neck Rd. South
Mashpee, MA 02469
Tribal Council Chambers
Emergency Tribal Council Meeting
Monday March 31, 2020

CALL TO ORDER- Chairman Cromwell **OPEN PRAYER-** Cedric Cromwell
Chairman Cedric Cromwell called to order the Emergency Tribal Council Meeting of
the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council at 5:39 pm
Special Session began @ 5:39 pm
Adjourned at: 7:10 pm

I. HOUSEKEEPING

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

Guests: Attorney Rebekah Salguero, Heather Sibberson, Rose, Susie Schaefer, Kent
(Denton's legislative litigator)

Motion made by Vice Chairwoman Baird, and 2nd by Councilwoman Winnie Johnson
Graham to commence today's Emergency Tribal Council meeting on Monday, March
31, 2020 at 5:39 pm via teleconference call, All those in favor were Councilwoman
Johnson Graham, Vice Chair Baird, Treasurer Harris, Councilwoman Gonsalves,
Councilman Hendricks, Councilman Tobey, Councilwoman Avant, and Secretary
Askew. All those opposed were Councilman B. Weeden. Councilman D. Weeden was
not present for the vote. Motion passed.

Motion made by Secretary Askew and 2nd by Vice Chairwoman Baird to accept the
agenda for today's Emergency Tribal Council meeting on Monday March 31, 2020.
All those in favor were Councilwoman Johnson Graham, Vice Chair Baird, Treasurer
Harris, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman Tobey, Councilwoman Avant, and

Secretary Askew. All those opposed were Councilman B. Weeden, and Councilman Hendricks. Councilman D. Weeden was not present for the vote. Motion passed.

Public Comment: None

Committees, Commissions, Appointments and Resignations- None

Discussion:

- Kent (Legislative Litigator) explained the process regarding the hearing to be held on 5/15/20 in D.C Court
- Congressional Brief- "What the tribe will do next."
- Filed Temporary restraining order.
- Feds responded and agreed not to do anything further.
- It's important to get the right communication out to the Tribal membership and supporters. Communication via social media website, we need to inform our constituents.
- HR 312 reaffirm Mashpee Reorg Act. Needs to be pushed to be passed in the senate as it has already been passed in the house.
- Secretary Bernhardt's office needs to be inundated with calls from tribal members and supporters regarding taking the trust lands out of trust.
- Senator Hoeven's office called to push HR 312 is passed.
- Put together a video similar to Standing Rocks and approximately 46,000 watch the video an hour- Vice Chair Baird has been in contact with the photographer used for "Stand with Mashpee"

Motion made by Secretary Ann Marie Askew and 2nd by Vice Chair Baird to adjourn today's Emergency Tribal Council meeting on Monday March 31, 2020 @ 7:10 pm. Unanimous by all those present. Motion passed.

Councilman Hendricks made Tribal Council aware that he would not be present for the Wednesday 4/1/20 Tribal Council Meeting.