



MASHPEE WAMPANOAG TRIBAL COUNCIL

483 Great Neck Rd. South

Mashpee, MA 02469

Tribal Council Chambers

Emergency Tribal Council Meeting

April 15, 2020

**CALL TO ORDER-** Chairman Cromwell    **OPEN PRAYER-** Winnie Johnson Graham  
Chairman Cedric Cromwell called to order the Emergency Tribal Council Meeting of  
the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council at 5:36 pm

Emergency Session began 5:36 pm

Executive session began at 7:17 pm

Out of Executive Session at 8:00 pm

Meeting Adjourned at: 8:00pm

**I. HOUSEKEEPING**

Attendance: Winnie Johnson Graham, Cedric Cromwell, Jessie Baird, Brian Weeden  
(signed on call at 5:50 pm), Gordon Harris, Rita Gonsalves, Carlton Hendricks Jr.,  
Dave Weeden, Aaron Tobey Jr., and, Yvonne Avant (Quorum 10)

Excused Absence: Ann Marie Askew dropped off call for Family emergency @ 6:36  
pm

Guests: Attorney Rebekah Salguero, Ben Wish, Heather Sibbison and Susie Schaeffer

Motion made by Councilwoman Johnson Graham and Ann Marie Askew to  
commence today's Emergency Tribal Council meeting on Wednesday April 15, 2020  
at 5:36 pm Via Teleconference Call. All those in favor were Unanimous. Councilman  
B. Weeden not present for the vote. Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilman D. Weeden and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Avant to accept  
and approve today's Emergency Tribal Council meeting agenda on Wednesday April  
15, 2020. All those in favor were Councilwoman Johnson Graham, Vice Chair Baird,  
Treasurer Harris, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman D. Weeden, Councilman  
Tobey, Councilwoman Avant, and Secretary Askew. All those opposed were  
Councilman B. Weeden, and Councilman Hendricks. Motion passed.

Councilman Hendricks requested the Officer's salaries be put on the next agenda.

Councilman Tobey requested that the \$100,000 donation be discussed regarding how it's spent.

Public Comment- None

Committees, Commissions and resignations-None

## II. Meeting dates

Motion made by Councilman D. Weeden and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman B. Weeden to accept and approve Wednesday 4/22/20 a regular Tribal Council Meeting via Teleconference to be held from 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm. Unanimous be all those present. Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilman D. Weeden and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Gonsalves to accept and approve Wednesday 4/29/20 a Regular Tribal Council meeting vis teleconference call from 5:30 pm- 8:00 pm. Unanimous by all those present. Motion passed.

## III. New Business

Motion made by Councilwoman Johnson Graham and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman D. Weeden to Accept and approve \$4000.00 for funeral expenses for Martin "Bruzzy" Hendricks.

Motion made by Councilman Tobey and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Johnson Graham to amend motion to include \$500 to go to June Teixeira for tribal member's funeral preparation. All those in favor were Councilman Tobey. All those opposed were Councilwoman Johnson Graham, Councilman B. Weeden, Treasurer Harris, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman Hendricks, Councilman D. Weeden, Councilwoman Avant, and Secretary Askew. All those who abstained were Vice Chair Baird. Motion failed.

### Discussion:

Councilman Tobey stated that he would like to see this money available to "Aunt June" to help families with burial and that he had previously voted against this, but has changed his opinion on the finances and that \$500 should be available to her for each funeral.

Secretary Askew stated that there was an account set up at some point, but not sure if it is still active that had money for "Aunt June" to assist families with funerals, but wasn't clear if it was voted against how the account was documented.

Councilwoman Avant stated that June Teixeira had a fund set up to receive donations for families that are in need regarding funeral preparation, but doesn't know if the account is still active

Councilman D. Weeden stated that there should be fundraising throughout the year for funeral expenses, and asked how the tribe can be fiscally responsible right now because of the tribe's current financial status.

**Hazard Pay- Nelson Andrews has written policy for Hazardous Pay – get additional pay for hazardous work– Suggested time in a half-pay or 2-5 extra dollars per hour.**

Motion made by Councilwoman Johnson Graham and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vice Chair Baird to accept and approve to provide Hazard pay to the employees that have worked during the pandemic. (Councilwoman Johnson Graham will work with Nelson Andrews on the Hazard pay).

Motion made by Councilwoman Johnson Graham and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman D, Weeden to table until the next meeting. Unanimous by all those present. Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilman D. Weeden and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vice Chair Baird to accept and approve the E-Prep grant (Nelson – 1.4 million 3 year grant IDC 584,000). Unanimous by all those present. Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilwoman Johnson Graham and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Avant to accept and approve 2020-RES-030 Ratification of Approval of Payments Related to Agreement with Pail, Brewington & Deal (representation for Election Committee for Tribal Court).

Motion made by Councilwoman Johnson Graham and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vice Chair Baird to amend motion that the attorney not exceeds 10,000 and when it gets to 2,000 come back to table with update. All those in favor were Councilwoman Johnson Graham, Vice Chair Baird, Councilman B. Weeden, and Councilwoman Avant. All those who abstained were Treasurer Harris, and Councilwoman Avant. All those who recused were Councilman D. Weeden and Councilman Tobey. All those opposed were Councilman Hendricks. Motion passed.

Final Motion vote with amendment- Motion made by Councilwoman Johnson Graham and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Avant to accept and approve 2020-RES-030 Ratification of Approval of Payments Related to Agreement with Pail, Brewington & Deal (representation for Election Committee for Tribal Court). All those in favor were Councilwoman Johnson Graham, Vice Chair Baird, Councilman B. Weeden, and Councilwoman Avant. All those who abstained were Treasurer Harris, and Councilwoman Gonsalves. All those who recused were Councilman D. Weeden and Councilman Tobey. All those opposed were Councilman Hendricks. Motion passed.

Motion made by Vice Chair Baird and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Johnson Graham to appoint Councilman Dave Weeden to the Cape County Commission. All those in favor were Councilwoman Johnson Graham, Vice Chair Baird, Councilman B. Weeden, Treasurer Harris, and Councilwoman Gonsalves. Councilman Hendricks, Councilman Tobey, and Councilwoman Avant. All those who recused were Councilman D. Weeden. Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilman D. Weeden to turn recorders off before going into executive session and no 2<sup>nd</sup> – motion does not move-fails.

Motion made by Vice Chair Baird and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman D. Weeden to go into executive session at 7:17 pm. All those in favor were Councilwoman Johnson Graham, Vice Chair Baird, Councilman B. Weeden, Treasurer Harris, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman D. Weeden, Councilman Tobey, and Councilwoman Avant. All those who opposed were Councilman Hendricks. Motion passed.

**Out of Executive session at 8:00 pm**

Motion made by Councilwoman Gonsalves and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman B. Weeden to adjourn tonight's meeting at 8:00 pm Unanimous by all those present. Motion passed.  
**Vice Chair Baird dropped off the call at 7:58 pm and not present for last vote.**

\$968,800 modification awarded- for Covid-19 expenses.