



MASHPEE WAMPANOAG TRIBAL COUNCIL

483 Great Neck Rd. South

Mashpee, MA 02469

Teleconference Call

Regular Tribal Council Meeting

May 6, 2020

Meeting Minutes Approved on Wednesday 6/3/2020

CALL TO ORDER- Chairman Cromwell OPEN PRAYER- Winnie Johnson Graham
Chairman Cedric Cromwell called to order the Regular Tribal Council Meeting of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council at 5:41 pm
Regular Session began 5:41pm
Adjourned at: 8:06pm

I. HOUSEKEEPING

Attendance: Winnie Johnson Graham, Cedric Cromwell, , Brian Weeden, Rita Gonsalves, Carlton Hendricks Jr., Dave Weeden, Aaron Tobey Jr., Yvonne Avant, and Ann Marie Askew (Quorum 9)
Excused absences: Vice Chair Jessie Baird, and Treasurer Gordon Harris

Motion made by Councilwoman Johnson Graham and 2nd by Councilwoman Gonsalves to commence today's Regular Tribal Council meeting on May 6, 2020 at 5:41 pm via Teleconference. All those in favor were Councilwoman Johnson Graham, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman Hendricks, Councilman D. Weeden, Councilman Tobey, and Councilwoman Avant, and Secretary Askew. All those opposed were Councilman B. Weeden. Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilman D. Weeden and 2nd by Councilwoman Avant to accept and approve today's regular Tribal Council meeting agenda on Wednesday May 6, 2020 with edits. All those in favor were Councilwoman Johnson Graham, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman D. Weeden, and Councilwoman Avant. All those opposed were Councilman B. Weeden, Councilman Hendricks, Councilman Tobey, and Secretary Askew. Vote is at tie= 4 in favor/ 4 opposed. Chairman Cromwell broke the tie with a favorable vote. Motion passed.

Councilman Hendricks requested a discussion regarding the Oyster Farm. Councilman D. Weeden wanted to add appointing Nelson Andrews to Massachusetts task force that will be working on a plan to reopen the community after the pandemic.

Councilwoman Gonsalves wanted to know Councilman B. Weeden reason for not approving to commence Tribal Council meetings.

Public Comment

Councilman B. Weeden- Regarding displaced tribal members @ hotels- Shellie Tobey from housing will be notified for discussion at next Tribal Council meeting. Also \$100,000 donation should be discussed to be earmarked to the community and Goodwill/ Social Services, and doesn't want money to end up in general funds.

Councilwoman Avant stated that she doesn't want to see the money just handed out and she thought we should make sure that our legal fees are covered to protect our land.

Councilwoman Gonsalves asked whether BIA has a burial program and if so we have applied for assistance.

Secretary Askew recommended that we find out how much we have received in donations as to date.

Councilman B. Weeden requested a discussion on donations regarding land conservatory that Hartman Peters had inquired about.

Councilman Tobey requested that we continue this conversation at the next meeting.

Committees, Commissions & Appointments- None

II. New Business

Motion made by Councilman B. Weeden and 2nd by Councilwoman Johnson Graham to accept and approve 2020-RES-034 approval of agreement between Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe and Wal-Mart Stores East, LP. Unanimous all present. Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilman B. Weeden and 2nd by Councilwoman Johnson Graham to accept and approve to recess and come out of a Regular Tribal Council meeting on Wednesday 5/9/20 @ 6:28 pm for an OIMHA Board meeting. Unanimous by all present. Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilwoman Avant and 2nd by Councilwoman Gonsalves to commence an OIMHA meeting @ 6:28 pm. Unanimous by all present. Motion passed.

Councilman D. Weeden presented 2020-RES-001 Approval of contract for parsonage Restoration. Town of Mashpee would provide \$400,000 community preservation town required match of \$60,000. Massachusetts provided \$30,000. \$60,000 spent of feasibility access money, historic structure report, natural park service guidance, Historic property. Preliminary assessment.

RFP put out- came back well over \$60,000 each submittal revise proposal. Councilwoman Gonsalves asked about TERO Fee – is it applicable, and would tribe receive because of being on Tribal land- contractor will not have to pay land tax. Because direct services are being done to the tribe- TERO fee should be enacted with construction formula (Subject to state Taxes) because they're conducting normal business.

Councilman D. Weeden asked if TERO fees are in lieu of taxes. OIMHA is provided Exempt- Tax Free.

Attorney Salguero explained that when there's a contract on tribal land OIMHA 2020-001.

Motion made by Councilman B. Weeden and 2nd by Councilwoman Johnson Graham to accept and approve with edits OIMHA.

Motion made by Councilwoman Johnson Graham and 2nd by Secretary Askew to amend to provide TERO fee as directed by the TERO officer. (TERO fee to be imposed \$ 1970).

Motion made by Councilman D. Weeden and 2nd by Secretary Askew to table 2020-001 to get clarity regarding bids for the Parsonage. Unanimous by all present.

Motion made by Councilwoman Gonsalves and 2nd by Councilman Hendricks to recess the OIMHA board of directors of meeting at 7:07 pm. Unanimous by all present. Motion passed.

Back in session for Regular Tribal Council meeting at 7:09 pm.

Motion made by Councilwoman Gonsalves and 2nd by Secretary Askew to go into Executive session at 7:09 pm. All those in favor were Councilwoman Johnson Graham, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman D. Weeden, Councilman Tobey, Councilwoman

Avant, and Secretary Askew. All those opposed were Councilman B. Weeden. And Councilman Hendricks.

Gooseberry Island Trust Update (Rebekah Salguero)

Motion made by Councilman Hendricks and 2nd by Councilman D. Weeden to reject any settlement offer from Gooseberry Island Trust. All those in favor were Councilwoman Johnson Graham, Councilman B. Weeden, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman Hendricks, Councilman D. Weeden, Councilwoman Avant, and Secretary Askew. All those abstained were Councilman Tobey. Motion passed.

Shellfish Grant (Councilman Hendricks)

After speaking with the Town of Mashpee Harbor Master, the tribe is responsible to have 5 million pieces of fish in the water in order for the grant to be in compliance, and if not the tribe is in void. Some of our tribal fisherman are willing to go out into the grant area and do a true assessment of the product in the water and clean up the cages @ \$250.00 per day for 3 days per week. This would allow us to get an accurate account of what's in the water. Councilman Hendricks presented a proposal regarding local fisherman providing fresh fish to the food pantry from the \$12,000 that will be allocated and utilizing the pantry 2 days per week to clean and package the fish for distribution. This will provide fresh fish to our membership during the shortage of chicken, hamburger, etc. It will help our tribal fisherman feed their families and at a cost savings of \$20-\$25 for a fillet for natives, as non-natives pay \$30-\$35 for a fillet.

Motion made by Councilman Brian Weeden and 2nd by Councilman Hendricks to extend the meeting until 8:11 pm. All in favor by the sign of "ayes". Motion passed.

Councilman B. Weeden recommended tabling the conversation until the Chairman meets with the food pantry director Darlene Scott. Councilman Brian Weeden also stated that there's \$250,000 from Genting that we need to look into what we can utilize for, and stated we also need to exercise our food sovereignty to feed our people.

Motion made by Councilwoman Johnson Graham and 2nd by Councilwoman Avant to adjourn tonight's tribal council meeting at 8:06 pm. Unanimous by all those present by the sign of "ayes". Motion passed.

Meeting Minutes submitted by Secretary Ann Marie Askew