



MASHPEE WAMPANOAG TRIBAL COUNCIL

483 Great Neck Rd. South

Mashpee, MA 02469

Tribal Council Chambers

Regular Meeting

Wednesday 7/1/2020

Minutes Approved on 8/12/20

- I. **CALL TO ORDER-** Chairman Cromwell **OPEN PRAYER-**Dave Weeden
Cedric Cromwell the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council
Regular Session began at: 5:41 pm
Executive Session began at: pm
Adjourned at: 8:12 pm

- II. **HOUSEKEEPING**
Attendance: Cedric Cromwell, Jessie Baird, Winnie Graham, Brian Weeden, Gordon Harris, Rita Gonsalves, Carlton Hendricks, David Weeden, Aaron Tobey, Yvonne Avant, and Ann Marie Askew Quorum (11)
 - a. Guests were: Attorney's Rebekah Salguero, (REDW) Ernesto Ramirez, Tom Friend, Corrinne Wilson, and Colaine Curtis
 - b. Motion made by Vice Chairwoman Baird and 2nd by Councilwoman Avant to commence the Regular Meeting on Wednesday 7/1/20 at 5:41 pm. All those in favor were Councilwoman Johnson Graham, Vice Chair Baird, Treasurer Harris, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman D. Weeden, Councilman Tobey, and Councilwoman Avant. All those opposed were Councilman B. Weeden, and Councilman Hendricks. Secretary Askew was not present for the vote. Motion passed.
 - c. Motion made by Councilwoman Avant and 2nd by Vice Chairwoman Baird to accept and approve today's agenda w/edits for Wednesday 7/1/20. All those in favor were Councilwoman Johnson Graham, Vice Chair Baird, Treasurer Harris, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman D. Weeden, Councilwoman Avant, and Secretary Askew. All those opposed were Councilman B. Weeden, Councilman Hendricks, and Councilman Tobey. Motion passed.

- III. **MEETING MINUTES**
Motion made by Secretary Askew and 2nd by Councilman D. Weeden to accept and approve with edits, Wednesday 5/27/20 Regular Meeting Minutes. All those in favor

were Councilwoman Johnson-Graham, Vice Chairwoman Baird, Councilman B. Weeden, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman Hendricks, Councilman D. Weeden, Councilman Tobey, Councilwoman Avant, and Secretary Askew. All those who abstained were Treasurer Harris. Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilman B. Weeden and 2nd by Secretary Askew to accept and approve with edits meeting minutes for Wednesday 6/3/20. All those in favor were Councilwoman Johnson Graham, Vice Chair Baird, Councilman B. Weeden, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman Hendricks, Councilman D. Weeden, Councilman Tobey, Councilwoman Avant, and Secretary Askew. All those who abstained were Treasurer Harris. Motion passed.

Public Comments

Ann Marie Askew

Dave Weeden

Winnie Johnson Graham

Reminder on 7/22/20 there will be a joint board school committee and the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council from 5: 3-8:00 pm via Zoom with further instructions to follow.

Committees, Commissions & Resignations

Motion made by Secretary Askew and 2nd by Councilman D. Weeden to accept and approve to add Lisa Windsor to the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Housing Commission.

Discussion:

Vice Chair Baird had concerns with Lisa being the current TERO and would now be overseeing RFP's and voting as a housing commission member and this appears to be a conflict of interest.

Councilman B. Weeden asked if this was a conflict if she works for the housing department. There was clarification made that Lisa Windsor is not under the supervision of the Housing Department, but under the TA.

Attorney Salguero stated that Lisa Windsor may be recusing herself a lot.

Motion made by Councilman B. Weeden and 2nd by Councilwoman Avant to table the motion until the next meeting- **Motion was canceled.**

All those in favor were Councilwoman Johnson Graham, Treasurer Harris, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman Tobey, Councilwoman Avant, and Secretary Askew. All those who abstained were Vice Chair Baird, Councilman B. Weeden, and Councilman Hendricks. Motion passed.

Councilman Tobey requested that he be appointed to CFS (Child and Family Services). Councilwoman Avant and Councilwoman Johnson Graham are the current two liaisons for the ICWA department.

II. New Business

Cares Act Funding (REDW)

Discussion regarding the funds and ideas provided by Tribal Council of how the funds could be spent.

Councilwoman Johnson Graham requested funding for a scholarship for a Tribal student.

There's \$8.2 Million in CRF (Corona Relief fund) for necessary expenditures related to COVID-19 incurred due to public health emergency. There's a deadline (December 31, 2020) to spend the money or you must return unused funds.

We have to establish a need and then come up with a dollar amount.

Motion made by Secretary Askew and 2nd by Councilman D. Weeden to accept and approve 2020-RES-042 Proposal from Denton's for COVID-19 related services.

Discussion: Treasurer Harris asked if there's a total amount to be billed for.

Heather Sibbison responded "The cap will not be over \$25,000".

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 abstained were Councilman B. Weeden. All those opposed were Councilman Hendricks. Motion passed.

Motion made by Secretary Askew and 2nd by Councilman D. Weeden to accept and approve 2020-RES-043 Approval of proposal from Ocotillo Law & Policy Partners for Legal Services. Unanimous by all those present. Councilman Hendricks was not present for the vote- dropped off call.

Motion made by Vice Chair Baird and 2nd by Councilwoman Avant to accept and approve 2020-RES-044 Approval of Engagement letter with Ocotillo Law & Policy

Partners for Interim Chairman of the Mashpee Wampanoag Gaming Commission. All those in favor were Vice Chair Baird, Treasurer Harris, Councilman D. Weeden, Councilwoman Avant, and Secretary Askew. All those who abstained were Councilman Brian Weeden, Councilwoman Gonsalves, and Councilman Tobey. Councilman Hendricks was not present for the vote. Motion passed.

Motion made by Secretary Askew and 2nd by Councilman B. Weeden to extend tonight's meeting until 8:15 pm. Unanimous by all those present. Councilman Hendricks was not present for the vote. Motion passed.

Councilwoman Johnson Graham dropped off the call at 8:02 pm

Motion made by Vice Chair Baird and 2nd by Councilman D. Weeden to accept and approve 2020-RES-045 U.S. Dept. Of HHS Administration for Children & Families Administration for Native Americans, Social and Economic Strategies. Unanimous by all those present. Motion passed.

Motion made by Secretary Askew and 2nd by Councilman B. Weeden to adjourn tonight Tribal Council meeting at 8:12 pm. Unanimous by all those present. Motion passed.