



**MASHPEE WAMPANOAG TRIBE
REGULAR TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING**
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Community/Government Center
Tribal Council Chambers – 483 Great Neck Rd S – Mashpee, MA 02649
Wednesday, July 7, 2021 – 5:30p.m. -8:00p.m.
Also available by ZOOM

Meeting Minutes
(Approved w/ Edits 7/14/2021)

Call to Order

Chairman Brian Weeden called to order the Regular Tribal Council Meeting on July 7, 2021 at 5:48p.m.
Regular session began at 5:48p.m.
Regular session adjourned at 7:57p.m.

Members in Attendance

Chairman Brian Weeden, Vice Chairman Carlton, Jr., Secretary Cassie Jackson, Treasurer Marie Stone, Councilwoman Rita Gonsalves, Councilman David Weeden, Councilman Aaron Tobey, Jr., Councilwoman Edwina Johnson-Graham, Councilwoman Yvonne Avant via Zoom (Quorum 9)
Guest: Attorney Rebekah Salguero,

Housekeeping

Opening Prayer

Crystal Asiwe

Motion to Commence

Motion made by Councilwoman Johnson-Graham 2nd by Councilman Weeden to commence the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Regular Tribal Council Meeting held at the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Community and Government Center located at 483 Great Neck Road South, Mashpee, MA 02649 on Wednesday, July 7, 2021 at 5:48p.m.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Councilman Weeden 2nd by Councilwoman Avant to accept and approve the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council agenda for July 7, 2021

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Councilman Weeden 2nd by Councilwoman Avant to accept and approve with edits the MWTC emergency meeting minutes of March 30, 2021.

All those in favor: Councilwoman Johnson-Graham, Councilwoman Avant

All those opposed: Vice Chairman Hendricks

All those abstained: Secretary Jackson, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman Weeden, Councilman Tobey, Treasurer Stone.

Motion Failed.

Motion made by Councilman Weeden 2nd by Councilwoman Avant to accept and approve with edits the MWTC Emergency Meeting Minutes of April 5, 2021.

All those in favor: Councilwoman Johnson Graham, Vice Chairman Hendricks, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman Weeden, Councilman Tobey, Councilwoman Avant

All those abstained: Secretary Jackson, Treasurer Stone

Motion Passed.

Motion made by Councilwoman Johnson-Graham 2nd by Councilman Weeden to accept and approve with edits the MWTC Emergency Meeting Minutes of May 26, 2021.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilwoman Johnson-Graham 2nd Councilman Weeden to accept and approve with edits the MWTC Emergency Meeting Minutes of June 2, 2021.

All those in favor: Councilwoman Johnson-Graham, Secretary Jackson, Vice Chairman Hendricks, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman Weeden, Councilwoman Avant, Treasurer Stone.

All those abstained: Councilman Tobey

Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilman Weeden 2nd by Vice Chairman Hendricks to accept and approve with edits the MWTC Regular Meeting Minutes of June 9, 2021.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilman Weeden 2nd by Councilwoman Johnson-Graham to accept and approve with edits the MWTC Regular Meeting Minutes of June 16, 2021.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Public Comment

Karen Siegel, Nikkisha Kennedy, Crystal Maddox

Committees, Commissions, Appointments

Motion made by Councilman Weeden 2nd by Councilwoman Johnson-Graham to accept and approve the reappointment of Nelson Andrews, Jr. to the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Community Development Corporation for a three year term.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilwoman Johnson-Graham 2nd by Councilman Weeden to accept and approve the reappointment of Talia Landry to the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Community Development Corporation for a three year term.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Motion made by Treasurer Stone 2nd by Vice Chairman Hendricks to appoint Jevin Pimental to the Natural Resources Commission.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passes.

Motion made by Treasurer Stone 2nd by Councilman Weeden to appoint Vice Chairman Hendricks as Natural Resource Commission Liaison.

All those in favor: Councilwoman Johnson-Graham, Secretary Jackson, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman Weeden, Councilman Tobey, Councilwoman Avant, Treasurer Stone.

All those abstained: Vice Chairman Hendricks.

Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Ratification of Consensus Votes

Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd by Treasurer Stone to ratify approval of dismissal of lawsuit with prejudice filed against Town of Mashpee Conservation Commission concerning development of Gooseberry Island given the DEP's recent finding that addresses the issuance of the wetlands delineation known as an ORAD.

Note: Chairman Weeden excused himself and appointed Vice Chairman Hendricks to preside for the duration of the motion.

All in favor: Councilwoman Johnson-Graham, Secretary Jackson, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman Tobey, Councilwoman Avant, Treasurer Stone.

All those abstained: Councilman Weeden

Motion passed.

Motion made by Treasurer Stone 2nd by Councilwoman Johnson-Graham to ratify approval of renewal of Property, Cyber, General Liability, Professional Liability, Auto, Crime and Excess Liability with Sullivan & Sullivan.

All those in favor: Councilwoman Johnson-Graham, Secretary Jackson, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman Weeden, Councilman Tobey, Councilwoman Avant, Treasurer Stone.

All those abstained: Vice Chairman Hendricks.

Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilwoman Johnson Graham 2nd by Secretary Jackson to ratify approval of a "blanket waiver" for Councilman Weeden to participate in the Eastern Suns for all services.

All those in favor: Councilwoman Johnson-Graham, Secretary Jackson, Vice Chairman Hendricks, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman Weeden, Councilman Tobey, Councilwoman Avant, Treasurer Stone.

All those recused: Councilman Weeden

Motion passed.

Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd by Vice Chairman Hendricks to ratify approval of "blanket waiver: for Councilwoman Gonsalves for the Native Times Food Truck to participate with the Lunch and Learn Program for 2021.

All those in favor: Councilwoman Johnson-Graham, Secretary Jackson, Vice Chairman Hendricks, Councilman Weeden, Councilman Tobey, Councilwoman Avant, Treasurer Stone.

All those recused: Councilwoman Gonsalves.

Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilwoman Johnson-Gonsalves 2nd by Treasurer Stone to ratify approval of authorization to the FBI to enter agreements with state and local agencies for the sole purpose of assisting in the investigations of federal crimes that fall under their jurisdiction and occur on Mashpee Wampanoag Reservation lands.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Motion to ratify Secretary Jackson 2nd by Treasurer Stone approval of authorization to amend the Homeland Security Ordinance to change status of Tribal Police from “at will employees” to discipline and removal only by a majority vote of a quorum of the Tribal Council for the following grounds: Malfeasance or nonfeasance as defined in the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Constitution which may be brought to the attention by Department Administration and/or Homeland Security Board of Directors or engaging in conduct that adversely reflects upon the reputation and integrity of the Tribe should disciplinary action be necessary and the situation is not egregious, progressive discipline model shall be used.

All in favor: Councilwoman Johnson-Graham, Secretary Jackson, Vice Chairman Hendricks, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman Weeden, Councilwoman Avant.

All those opposed: Councilman Tobey

All those abstained: Treasurer Stone

Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilwoman Johnson-Graham 2nd by Councilman Weeden to ratify approval of authorization to amend Tribal laws to include the following sections from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts laws: Chapter 111E Section 9A, authorizing the placement of incapacitated person into protective custody without consent for transport for emergency medical treatment; Chapter 111B, Section 8, Authorizing assistance and placement and placement in protective custody for incapacitated persons; Chapter 123, Section 12, authorizing emergency restraint and hospitalization for persons posing risk and serious harm by reason of mental illness.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd by Vice Chairman Hendricks to ratify approval of \$3,500 for tribal police training related to weapons, Tasers, self-defense and first responder training.

***Note:** Funding to be allocated from Housing and Emergency Management funding.*

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passes.

Special Tribal Elections Update

Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd by Councilwoman Gonsalves to provide food for Election Committee in the amount of \$400.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Motion made by Treasurer Stone 2nd Councilwoman Gonsalves to cancel the June 2021 General Membership Meeting.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Financial Update

Discussed.

Job Descriptions (HR/TA)

Motion made by Treasurer Stone 2nd by Councilwoman Johnson-Graham to post the position of a Tribal Administrator.

Note: Funding will come from 638

All those in favor: Councilwoman Johnson-Graham, Secretary Jackson, Vice Chairman Hendricks, Councilman Weeden, Councilman Tobey, Councilwoman Avant, Treasurer Stone.

All those abstained: Councilwoman Gonsalves.

Motion passed.

Motion made by Treasurer Stone 2nd Councilwoman Johnson-Graham to amend the original motion to post the position of a Tribal Administrator to include a salary range of \$90k- \$110k.

All those in favor: Councilwoman Johnson-Graham, Secretary Jackson, Vice Chairman Hendricks, Councilman Weeden, Councilman Tobey, Councilwoman Avant, Treasurer Stone

All those abstained: Councilwoman Gonsalves.

Motion passed.

Job Descriptions

Motion made by Treasurer Stone 2nd by Councilwoman Johnson-Graham to post the position of Tribal Administrator.

All those in favor: Councilwoman Johnson-Graham, Secretary Jackson, Vice Chairman Hendricks, Councilman Weeden, Councilman Tobey, Councilwoman Avant, Treasurer Stone.

All those abstained: Councilwoman Gonsalves.

Motion made by Treasurer Stone 2nd by Councilwoman Johnson-Graham to amend the previous motion to post the position of Tribal administrator with a salary range between \$90k-\$110k.

All those in favor: Councilwoman Johnson-Graham, Secretary Jackson, Vice Chairman Hendricks, Councilman Weeden, Councilman Tobey, Councilwoman Avant, Treasurer Stone.

All those abstained: Councilwoman Gonsalves.

Final motion made by Treasurer Stone 2nd by Councilwoman Johnson-Graham to post the position of Tribal administrator with a salary range between \$90k-\$110k.

All those in favor: Councilwoman Johnson-Graham, Secretary Jackson, Vice Chairman Hendricks, Councilman Weeden, Councilman Tobey, Councilwoman Avant, Treasurer Stone.

All those abstained: Councilwoman Gonsalves.

Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd by Councilwoman Johnson Graham to post the position of a Human Resources officer with a salary range of \$75K- \$90K.

All in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Motion made by Treasurer Stone 2nd by Secretary Jackson to post the position of a Comptroller with a salary range of \$90k- \$110k.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Motion made by Vice Chairman Hendricks 2nd by Treasurer Stone to make an amendment to the previous motion to post the position of a Comptroller with a salary range of \$75k-\$90k.

All those opposed: Unanimous by all present.

Motion failed.

Motion made by Vice Chairman Hendricks 2nd by Treasurer Stone to make an amendment to the base motion to post the position of a Comptroller with a salary range of \$75k-\$110k.

All those in favor: unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Final motion made by Treasurer Stone 2nd by Secretary Jackson to approve the posting and salary range of \$75k-\$110k for the Comptroller.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Tribal Council Pay

Tabled

184 Leases-Status / Insurance Update

Tabled

I.H.S. Expansion Response to NOFA

Tabled

Hazard Pay – Risk Levels

Tabled

NEW BUSINESS

Tribal Police

Discussed.

MOU-MWT/Vineyard Wind

Tabled

Ethics Update

Tabled

MOU-Taunton

Tabled

EXECUTIVE

RGB Invoices

Tabled

Adjournment

Motion made by Councilwoman Johnson-Graham 2nd by Secretary Jackson to adjourn at 7:57p.m.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cassie D. Jackson

Secretary

Approved with edits: July 14, 2021