



MASHPEE WAMPANOAG TRIBAL COUNCIL
483 Great Neck Rd. South
Mashpee, MA 02469
Tribal Council Chambers
Regular Meeting via Zoom conference
July 8, 2020

- I. **CALL TO ORDER- Chairman Cromwell** **OPEN PRAYER- Dave Weeden**
Chairman Cedric Cromwell called to order the Regular Meeting of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council.
Regular Session began at: 6:04 pm
Adjourned at: 8:30 pm

- II. **HOUSEKEEPING**
Attendance: Cedric Cromwell, Jessie Baird, Winnie Graham, Brian Weeden, Carlton Hendricks, Aaron Tobey, David Weeden, Yvonne Avant, and Ann Marie Askew
Quorum (9)
 - a. Excused Absence: Gordon Harris & Rita Gonsalves
 - b. Guests were: Attorney's Rebekah Salguero, Tom Friend & Corrine Wilson from REDW, Marissa Bell (Denton's)
 - c. Motion made by Secretary Ann Marie Askew and 2nd by Councilwoman Avant to commence the Regular Tribal Council Meeting on Wednesday July 8, 2020. All those in favor were Councilwoman Johnson Graham, Vice Chair Baird, Councilman D. Weeden, Councilman Tobey, Councilwoman Avant, and Secretary Askew. All those opposed were Councilman B. Weeden and Councilman Hendricks. Motion passed.

 - d. Motion made by Councilwoman Avant and Secretary Askew to accept and today's regular Tribal Council meeting agenda w/edits for Wednesday July 8, 2020. Councilwoman Johnson Graham, Vice Chair Baird, Councilman D. Weeden, Councilman Tobey, Councilwoman Avant, and Secretary Askew. All those opposed were Councilman B. Weeden and Councilman Hendricks. Motion passed.

 - e. **Public Comment:** Kimberly Frye and Jessie Baird

- III. **Schedule Tribal Council Meetings**

Motion made by Vice Chair Baird and 2nd by Secretary Askew to accept and approve a Regular Tribal Council meeting for Wednesday 7/22/20 for the purposes of the joint school committee meeting. Unanimous by all present. Motion passed.

Some of the items that Tribal Council would like to be on the agenda is:

- 1) A resolution in honor of Alyssa Harris
- 2) School committee being held responsible to hire a full time Wampanoag Teacher
- 3) Follow up regarding Tribal Flags at all schools and was result of last joint board meeting.
- 4) Reach out to Roxanne Mills for her input as the Education Director

IV. Cares Act Budgeting and Allocation

General Welfare Plan: 8.2 Million

Economic Hardship will be based on assessed individual need- 50% of Cares Act
Application deadline will be 8/7/2020 and Distribution will be on 8/10/20

Vice Chair Baird- Asked legal What Are Tribal Council members eligible and what are the disclosure requirements. Is there a required federal disclosure form for Tribal Council- there's no federal form.

Councilman B. Weeden –asked if Tribal Council needed a waiver.

Attorney Rebekah Salguero responded that the Standards of conduct provision provides a waiver option, but not necessary.

Councilman Tobey asked about a visa Gift card for \$1800 for tracking purposes.

Sara Spruill asked about child and family services- Grandparents, Foster parents, and kinship.

Councilman B. Weeden asked about Elders that are in Nursing homes and Tribal members that are incarcerated so that nobody is left out.

We also have expanded households within our tribe (multiple family members living together.

General welfare is tax exempt.

We have 869 enrolled tribal children under 21 year of age. Suggestion was to give under 18 years of age \$100.00 and babies \$50.00

Motion made by Councilman D. Weeden and 2nd by Secretary Askew to accept and approve the Covid-19 assistance application with the suggested auditing documents. All those in favor were Councilwoman Johnson Graham, Vice Chair Baird, Treasurer Harris, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman Hendricks, Councilman D. Weeden, Councilman Tobey, Councilwoman Avant, and Secretary Askew. All those who recused were Councilman B. Weeden. Motion passed.

REDW will come back to Tribal Council at the next meeting with language for the children under 18 years of age.

Motion made by Secretary Askew and 2nd by Vice Chair Baird to extend tonight's Tribal Council meeting until 8:30 pm. Unanimous by all those present. Motion passed.

Motion made by Secretary Askew and 2nd by Councilman D. Weeden to accept and approve 2020-RES-046 Approval of Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe members Covid-19 assistance program general welfare benefit program plan. All those in favor were Councilwoman Johnson Graham, Vice Chair Baird, Treasurer Harris, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman Hendricks, Councilman D. Weeden, Councilman Tobey, Councilwoman Avant, and Secretary Askew. All those who recused were Councilman B. Weeden. Motion passed.

- V. **Sullivan Insurance (Jennifer Fryar, Stacey and Mr. Sullivan on phone call)**
General liability of auto insurance policies- Tribal First/ Arrowhead- Tribe wanted to lower the deductibles on home property of the 2 homes. Policies run from July 2020- July 2021: Government Center- \$14.5 Million, and contents at \$1.3 million, business \$500,000, electronic data \$192,000.

Motion made by Secretary Askew and 2nd by Councilman B. Weeden to accept and approve 2020-RES-047 Approval of Sullivan Insurance renewal and supporting application. (3 Million Over 2 years, \$123,000 annual premium). All those in favor were Councilwoman Johnson Graham, Vice Chair Baird, Councilman B. Weeden, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman D. Weeden, Councilman Tobey, Councilwoman Avant, and Secretary Askew. All those who opposed were Councilman Hendricks. Motion passed.

Motion made by Vice Chair Baird and 2nd by Councilman B. Weeden to accept and approve a waiver for Councilwoman Avant for CCDF money for babysitting for her grandchildren.. The stipend is \$130.00 for each child. All those in favor were Councilwoman Johnson Graham, Vice Chair Baird, Councilman B. Weeden, Treasurer Harris, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman D. Weeden, Councilman Tobey, and Secretary Askew. All those who opposed were Councilman Hendricks. All those who recused were Councilwoman Avant. Motion passed.

VI. IDC- Tom Friend & Corrine Wilson

Last IDC rate was from the previous when TA Leslie Jonas was in place.
2019-2020 need to be done fixed costs associated with grants- more head count.

Motion made by Vice Chair Baird ad 2nd by Secretary Askew to adjourn tonight's regular meeting at 8:30 pm. All in favor by the sign of "ayes". Motion passed.