



**MASHPEE WAMPANOAG TRIBAL COUNCIL**

483 Great Neck Rd. South

Mashpee, MA 02469

Tribal Council Chambers

Emergency Meeting

Via Zoom Conference

8/17/20

**Approved on Wednesday 8/26/20**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER- Chairman Cromwell**                      **OPEN PRAYER- Chairman Cromwell**  
Chairman Cedric Cromwell called to order the Regular Meeting of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council.  
Regular Session began at: 5:41 pm  
Executive Session began at: 5:43 pm  
Out of Executive session at 6:34 pm  
Adjourned at: 6:52 pm
  
- II. **HOUSEKEEPING**  
Attendance: Cedric Cromwell, Jessie Baird, Winnie Graham (joined the call at 5:45 pm), Brian Weeden, Treasurer Harris, Rita Gonsalves, Carlton Hendricks, David Weeden, Aaron Tobey Jr., Yvonne Avant, and Ann Marie Askew Quorum (11)
  - a. Guests were: Attorney's Rebekah Salguero & Ben Wish (Todd & Weld)
  - b. Motion made by Secretary Askew and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Avant to commence today's Emergency Tribal Council Meeting at 5:41 pm via Zoom conference call on Wednesday August 17, 2020. All those in favor were Secretary Askew, Vice Chair Baird, Treasurer Harris, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman Hendricks, Councilman D. Weeden, Councilman Tobey, and Councilwoman Avant. All those opposed were Councilman B. Weeden. Councilwoman Johnson Graham not present for the vote. Motion passed.
  - c. Motion made by Councilwoman Avant and Councilman D. Weeden to accept and approve the agenda w/edits for Wednesday August 17, 2020 Emergency tribal Council meeting. All those in favor were Secretary Askew, Vice Chair Baird, Treasurer Harris, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman Hendricks,

Councilman D. Weeden, Councilman Tobey, and Councilwoman Avant. All those opposed were Councilman B. Weeden. Councilwoman Johnson Graham not present for the vote. Motion passed.

Public comment: None

### III. Old Business

Motion made by Secretary Askew and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Avant to go into executive session at 5:43 pm. All those in favor were Secretary Askew, Vice Chair Baird, Treasurer Harris, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman D. Weeden, and Councilwoman Avant. All those opposed were Councilman B. Weeden, Councilman Hendricks, and Councilman Tobey. Councilwoman Johnson Graham not present for the vote. Motion passed.

Councilwoman Johnson Graham joined the Zoom conference call at 5:45 pm

Out of Executive session at 6:34 pm on Monday 8/17/20

Motion made by Vice Chair Baird and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Avant to authorize Ben Wish from Todd & Weld to accept service of the Grand Jury subpoena and preserving all rights under the tribe's sovereign immunity whenever possible.

Amendment made by Councilman Tobey and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Hendricks to authorize service while reserving all rights to insert sovereign immunity based on being brought back to Tribal Council for a vote. 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 opposed were Councilman Hendricks. All those abstained were Treasurer Harris. Motion passed.

Base Motion made by Vice Chair Baird and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Avant to authorize Ben Wish from Todd & Weld to accept service of the Grand Jury Subpoena and preserving all rights under the tribe's sovereign immunity and to insert sovereign immunity based on being brought back to Tribal Council for a vote. 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 opposed were Councilman Hendricks. All those who abstained were Treasurer Harris. Motion passed.

Motion to pay Councilwoman Avant for the 70 hours of work done for the documents requested by the Grand Jury subpoena based on her last hourly rate prior to the layoff.

Motion to table previous motion until the next Tribal Council meeting. 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 opposed were Councilman Hendricks. All those who were recused were Councilwoman Avant. Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilman D. Weeden and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Secretary Askew to adjourn tonight's Emergency Tribal Council meeting at 6:52 pm.