



**MASHPEE WAMPANOAG TRIBAL COUNCIL**

483 Great Neck Rd. South

Mashpee, MA 02469

Tribal Council Chambers

Regular Meeting

Via Zoom Conference Call

August 19, 2020

5:30- 8:30 pm

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

- I. CALL TO ORDER- Chairman Cromwell                      OPEN PRAYER- Brian Weeden**  
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: 7:47 pm

Adjourned at: 8:02 pm

**II. HOUSEKEEPING**

Attendance: Cedric Cromwell, Jessie Baird, Winnie Graham, Brian Weeden, Carlton Hendricks, David Weeden, Aaron Tobey Jr., Yvonne Avant, and Ann Marie Askew  
Quorum (9)

- a. Excused Absence: Gordon Harris & Rita Gonsalves
- b. Guests were: Attorney's Rebekah Salguero, Roxanne Brown (Education Director), Jen Weston (WLRP), Enrollment Committee (Roxanne Brown, Marlene Perry, and Cecelia Martinez), Nelson Andrews (Emergency Preparedness Director)
- c. Motion made by Vice Chairwoman Baird and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Secretary Askew to commence the Regular Meeting at 5:41 pm on Wednesday 8/19/20. 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 Secretary Askew and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vice Chairwoman Baird to accept and approve today's regular Tribal Council agenda with edits for Wednesday 8/19/20 via zoom conference. All those in favor were Councilwoman Johnson Graham, Vice Chair Baird, Councilman D. Weeden, Councilman Tobey, and Councilwoman Avant. All those opposed were

Councilman B. Weeden, Councilman Hendricks, and Secretary Askew. Motion passed.

**e. Meeting Minutes**

Motion made by Councilman B. Weeden and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Secretary Askew to accept and approve regular Tribal Council meeting minutes for Wednesday 8/3/20. All those in favor were Councilwoman Johnson Graham, Councilman B. Weeden, Councilman Hendricks, Councilman D. Weeden, Councilman Tobey, Councilwoman Avant, and Secretary Askew. All those who abstained were Vice Chair Baird. Motion passed.

Motion made By Councilman B. Weeden and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Johnson Graham to accept and approve with edits meeting minutes for Wednesday 8/12/20. All those in favor were Councilwoman Johnson Graham, Councilman B. Weeden, Councilman D. Weeden, Councilman Tobey, Councilwoman Avant, and Secretary Askew. All those abstained were Vice Chair Baird and Councilman Hendricks. Motion passed.

**f. Public Comment-**

Brian Weeden- Community Announcement regarding "Old Timers" soft ball game on 9/7/20 at Pocknett field #7 from 12:00- 5:00 pm and everyone is required to practice social distancing and wearing PPE. Approval was received from the Mashpee Town Manager (Rodney Collins).

**g. Committees, Commissions, Appointments, Resignations & Removals- None**

- III. **New Business:** Chairman's update- The Chairman provided Tribal Council with an update regarding a Major Health issue and that he will be out for the month of September 2020 rehabilitating from a Major surgery scheduled for 8/28/20. Chairman provided a chain of command while he's out and Vice Chair Baird will preside over all Tribal Council meetings, Rita Lopez and Nelson Andrews will cover day to day operations with Secretary Askew and Treasurer Harris available to assist with more challenging issues.

IV.

**WLRP:**

Motion made by Councilman B. Weeden and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vice Chair Baird to accept and approve of 32020-RES-049 Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Recognition of Seal of Bi-

Literacy & Exemplary performance for Alyssa K. Harris. Unanimous by all those present. Motion passed.

**Step Grant- (Roxanne Mills- Education Director)**

Motion made By Secretary Askew and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Johnson Graham to accept and approve with edits 2020-RES-050 Office of Elementary and Secondary Education. All those in favor were Councilwoman Johnson Graham, Vice Chair Baird, Councilman Hendricks, Councilman D. Weeden, Councilman Tobey, Councilwoman Avant, and Secretary Askew. All those who recused were Councilman B. Weeden. Motion passed.

Motion made by Vice Chair Baird and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Secretary Askew to accept and approve 2020-RES-051 US Department of Education offices of Elementary and Secondary Education. All those in favor were Councilwoman Johnson Graham, Vice Chair Baird, Councilman Hendricks, Councilman D. Weeden, Councilman Tobey, Councilwoman Avant, and Secretary Askew. All those who recused were Councilman B. Weeden. Motion passed.

**CDC/ Emergency Preparedness- Nelson Andrews**

Motion made by Secretary Askew and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vice Chair Baird to accept and approve 2020-RES-052 Approval of CDC Grant for Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Emerging and Re-Emerging Infection Disease Threats Prevention And Control. Unanimous by all those present. Motion passed.

**WLRP-Jen Weston**

Motion made By Vice Chair Baird and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Johnson Graham to accept and approve with edits 2020 RES-053 US Department Of Interior Bureau Of Indian Affairs. All those in favor were Councilwoman Johnson Graham, Vice Chair Baird, Councilman D. Weeden, Councilman Tobey, and Councilwoman Avant. All those who abstained were Councilman Hendricks and Secretary Askew. All those who recused were Councilman B. Weeden. Motion passed.

Motion by Secretary Askew and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Johnson Graham to go into executive session at 6:35 pm. All those in favor were Councilwoman Johnson Graham, Vice Chair Baird, Councilman D. Weeden, Councilwoman Avant, and Secretary Askew. All those opposed were Councilman B. Weeden, Councilman Hendricks, and Councilman Tobey. Motion passed.

Consensus vote taken by recommendation of the Enrollment committee in regards to the Tribal member who is dually enrolled with Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe and the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma. Recommendation was that Tribal member is not eligible for Covid assistance funds or any other tribal benefits until they make a choice of what tribal role they will remain on in good standing. Unanimous by all those present. Consensus passed.

**Out of Executive at 7:47 pm**

Motion made by Councilman B. Weeden and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Avant to return the ICWA case discussed on Wednesday 8/19/20 to Allison Lowe. All those in favor were Councilwoman Johnson Graham, Councilman B. Weeden, Councilman Hendricks, Councilman D. Weeden, Councilman Tobey, Councilwoman Avant, and Secretary Askew. All those who abstained were Vice Chair Baird. Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilman B. Weeden and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Secretary Askew to accept and approve 2020-RES-054 Approval of fee agreement with Allison Lowe based on permission from BIA grant that will allow fee agreement to be paid. All those in favor were Councilwoman Johnson Graham, Councilman B. Weeden, Councilman Hendricks, Councilman D. Weeden, Councilman Tobey, Councilwoman Avant, and Secretary Askew. All those who abstained were Vice Chair Baird. Motion passed.

**Enrollment Committee**

Motion made by Councilman B. Weeden and 2<sup>nd</sup> by secretary Askew to take the recommendation of the Enrollment committee regarding the tribal member who is dually enrolled and not eligible for Covid assistance or any other tribal benefits until the matter is resolved. Unanimous by all present. Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilman Brian Weeden and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Johnson Graham to take the recommendation provided by the Enrollment Committee on 8/19/20 regarding Covid assistance program and Tribal members who are not in good standing would not be eligible for any tribal programs/ benefits. Unanimous by all those present. Motion passed.

**CFS- Sara Spruill**

Motion made by Councilman B. Weeden and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Johnson Graham to accept and approve to issue a verbal warning to Councilman Tobey in regards to

the interference with Child and Family services (CFS) department. All those in favor were Councilwoman Johnson Graham, Vice Chair Baird, Councilman B. Weeden, Councilman D. Weeden, Councilwoman Avant, and Secretary Askew. All those opposed were Councilman Hendricks. All those recused were Councilman Tobey. Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilwoman Johnson Graham and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vice Chair Baird to amend the previous motion to implement a \$1000.00 fine for a second offense in accordance with the ordinance. All those in favor were Councilwoman Johnson Graham, Vice Chair Baird, Councilman B. Weeden, Councilman D. Weeden, Councilwoman Avant, and Secretary Askew. All those opposed were Councilman Hendricks. All those recused were Councilman Tobey. Motion passed.

Motion made by Vice Chair Baird and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Secretary Askew to extend the meeting until 8:15 pm. All those in favor were Councilwoman Johnson Graham, Vice Chair Baird, Councilman B. Weeden, Councilwoman Avant, and Secretary Askew. All those opposed were Councilman Hendricks, Councilman D. Weeden, and Councilman Tobey. Motion passed.

Motion made by Secretary Askew and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman B. Weeden to adjourn tonight's Tribal Council meeting at 8:02 pm. Unanimous by all those present. Motion passed.