



**MASHPEE WAMPANOAG TRIBAL COUNCIL**

**483 Great Neck Rd. South**

**Mashpee, MA 02469**

**Special Tribal Council Meeting**

**On Wednesday 9/30/20**

**Via Zoom Conference from 5:30-8:00 pm**

**Approved on 3/18/20**

**I. CALL TO ORDER- Chairman Cedric Cromwell      OPEN PRAYER- Secretary Askew**

Chairman called meeting to order at 5:39 pm

Regular Session began at: 5:39 pm

Executive Session: 6:18 pm

Out of Executive Session: 7:12 pm

Adjourned at: 8:00 pm

**II. HOUSEKEEPING**

Attendance: Cedric Cromwell, Jessie Baird, Winnie Johnson Graham, Brian Weeden (called in at 5:53 pm), Gordon Harris, Carlton Hendricks, David Weeden, Aaron Tobey Jr., Yvonne Avant, and Ann Marie Askew.

Guests: Rebekah Salguero

Excused Absences: Rita Gonsalves

Motion made by Councilman D. Weeden and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Johnson Graham to commence tonight's Special Tribal Council meeting at 5:30 pm. Unanimous by all those present. Motion passed.

Motion made By Councilwoman Johnson Graham and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Avant to accept and approve today's Special Tribal Council meeting agenda on Wednesday 9/30/20.

All those in favor were Councilwoman Johnson Graham, Vice Chair Baird, Treasurer Harris, Councilman D. Weeden, and Councilwoman Avant. All those opposed were Councilman Hendricks, Councilman Tobey, and Secretary Askew. Councilman B. Weeden was not present for the vote. Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilwoman Johnson Graham and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Secretary Askew to accept and approve with edits regular Tribal Council meeting minutes for Wednesday 8/26/20.

Motion made by Secretary Askew and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Johnson Graham to table 8/26/20 meeting minutes. Unanimous by all those present. Motion passed.

**Public Comment**

David Weeden

David Pocknett

Brian Weeden

Winona Pocknett

**III. Certificate OF Occupancy**

Motion made by Councilman D. Weeden and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Johnson Graham to accept and approve Certificate of occupancy at MWT units 1-10 on Alice Lopez Drive. All those in favor were Councilwoman Johnson Graham, Vice Chair Baird, Treasurer Harris, Councilman D. Weeden, Councilman Tobey, Councilwoman Avant, and Secretary Askew. All those opposed were Councilman Hendricks. All those who abstained were Councilman B. Weeden. Motion passed.

**In Executive at 6:18 pm**

Motion made by Councilwoman Johnson Graham and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Avant to go into executive session at 6:18 pm. All those in favor were Councilwoman Johnson Graham, Vice Chair Baird, Treasurer Harris, Councilman D. Weeden, Councilwoman Avant, and Secretary Askew. All those opposed were Councilman B. Weeden, Councilman Hendricks, and Councilman Tobey. Motion passed.

**Out of Executive at 7:12 pm**

**IV. New Business**

**a. Councilwoman Avant's pay for document production**

Motion made by Councilwoman Johnson Graham and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vice Chair Baird to compensate Councilwoman Avant to gather documents for the subpoenas for 70-130 hours at \$30.00, and if she exceeds this amount and needs additional hours she will need to come back to tribal council. All those opposed were Councilman B. Weeden, Councilman Hendricks, and Councilman Tobey. Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilman B. Weeden and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Secretary Askew to amend compensate Councilwoman Avant for the documents to gather for the subpoena. All those in favor were Councilman D. Weeden. All those who opposed were Councilman B. Weeden, Councilman Hendricks, Councilman Tobey, and Secretary Askew. All those who abstained were Councilwoman Johnson Graham, Vice Chair Baird, and Treasurer Harris.

Motion made by Councilman B. Weeden and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Hendricks to reconsider and next meeting due to Treasurer Harris not recusing himself from the vote.

Motion made by Councilwoman Johnson Graham and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman B. Weeden to ratify Gooseberry Island based on the consensus vote that was sent. Unanimous by all those present. Motion passed.

**b. In Kind Donation to city of Taunton**

Attorney Salguero presented a proposal for Tribal Council to provide a grant to the Superintendent of Taunton High School for \$250,000 and a \$50,000 monetary contribution to the city of Taunton.

REDW recommends tribe make a subrecipient agreement that allows Tribal Council to make sure the funds are used correctly.

Motion made by Secretary Askew and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Johnson Graham to accept and approve a grant to the city of Taunton for the high school in the amount of \$250,000. All those in favor were Councilwoman Johnson Graham, Treasurer Harris, and Councilwoman Avant. All those opposed were Vice Chair Baird, Councilman B. Weeden, Councilman Hendricks, Councilman D. Weeden, and Councilman Tobey. All those abstained were Secretary Askew. Motion failed.

Motion made by Councilwoman Johnson Graham and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Secretary Askew to clarify that the funds would be coming from the US Treasury Cares Act funds.

Motion made by Councilwoman Johnson Graham and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Secretary Askew to table until the next tribal council meeting. All those in favor were Councilwoman Johnson Graham, Treasurer Harris, and Councilwoman Avant. All those opposed were Vice Chair Baird, Councilman B. Weeden, Councilman Hendricks, Councilman D. Weeden, Councilman Tobey, and Secretary Askew. Motion failed.

**c. Letter of Support**

Motion made by Vice Chair Baird and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Johnson Graham to approve a letter of support for the Biden/Harris Administration. 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 opposed were Councilman B. Weeden and Treasurer Harris. Motion passed.

Motion made by Vice Chair Baird and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Secretary Askew to adjourn tonight's Tribal Council meeting at 8:00 pm. All those in favor were Councilwoman Johnson Graham, Vice Chair Baird, Treasurer Harris, Councilman Hendricks, Councilman D. Weeden, Councilman Tobey, Councilwoman Avant, and Secretary Askew. All those opposed were Councilman B. Weeden. Motion passed.