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## Chairman's Message



Wuneekeesuq Nutawâm (Greetings to my Tribal Community),

I am proud to announce that a new, fully-integrated financial management system has been installed at our Tribal offices to assist our Tribe in managing our finances. This system is the first of its kind for our Tribe, and will provide us with efficiency and transparency as we move forward.

This system will enable the finance department to produce clear, concise financial reports that will be available on a regular basis at General Body Meetings. Every Tribal member will have an understanding of how the Tribe's money is managed, including where the money originates, whether through grants, loans or other sources, as well as how the money is spent.

As I speak with tribal members, I often hear questions about the financial support we receive from our investors. The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe has a memorandum of understanding towards a management agreement with Arkana Ltd., a wholly owned affiliate company of Kien Huat, which includes an unsecured loan that covers some Tribal operations and Project First Light Casino project pre-development budget, which includes efforts to pursue land in trust and the ability to develop and manage a resort style casino. The inter-

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## jessie little doe baird awarded 'Genius Grant'



**J**essie Little Doe Baird, Director of the Wôpanâak Language Reclamation Project, has been awarded a MacArthur Foundation Fellowship, also known as a 'Genius Grant.'

According to the MacArthur Foundation, The MacArthur Fellows Program awards unrestricted fellowships to talented individuals who have shown extraordinary originality and dedication in their creative pursuits and a marked capacity for self-direction. There are three criteria for selection of Fellows: exceptional creativity, promise for important future advances based on a track record of significant accomplishment, and potential for the fellowship to facilitate subsequent creative work.

This year, the MacArthur Foundation chose 23 Fellows, who will each receive a no-strings-attached \$500,000 stipend over five years to support them as they pursue their work.

Upon reflection on her award and her work on the Wôpanâak Language Reclamation Project, Jessie explained, "I think it is important to say that the work of this project has been made possible by the citizens of the individual participating communities. These people make up the language project committee and steer the work. They are also the students working hard to welcome language home by showing up each week and working hard to use our language. There have also been many other linguists that have written papers about Wôpanâak and that work has always been heavily relied upon.

"Over the past 17 years I have relied upon the students themselves

to direct my work where curriculum is concerned. We have tried various different pedagogical models and learned from each of those in order to create efficient and effective teaching tools. We have also had eight students of the project as teachers over the years.

"Once the complete grammar is written, we will have our first edition of the dictionary ready. I anticipate being finished with the grammar by early Spring. The dictionary itself is a representation of 14 years of work by the late Professor Kenneth Locke Hale, Professor Norvin Richards, Melanie Deetz, and me. I think one of the most important things that we have learned from this project is this: Indian communities with separate governments can form healthy and productive working relationships in order to accomplish any goal as long as their Councils are supportive. This language project is certainly proof of that."

In addition to bringing attention to the revival of the Wôpanâak Language, Jessie's award has brought great positive recognition to the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe. Many tribal members have expressed that the award is an external validation of the cultural identity that so many generations have worked to preserve. Chairman Cedric Cromwell praised Jessie for her work, remarking, "This award is richly deserved, and is a testament to Jessie's tireless work over the last seventeen years to revive our language. It is because of her vision and persistence that we have this very important connection to our culture and our ancestors today."

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**- Chairman Cedric Cromwell**

## Calendar of Events

- November 1 – 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**  
Food Pantry, MWT Headquarters
- November 1 – 5:30 p.m.**  
Youth Cultural Night, Mashpee Rod and Gun Club
- November 2 – 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.**  
State and Federal Election Day
- November 3 – 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**  
Food Pantry, MWT Headquarters
- November 4 – 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**  
Alcoholics Anonymous, 33 Great Neck Road South
- November 4 – 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**  
Beading and Crafts, MWT Headquarters
- November 8 – 5:30 p.m.**  
Youth Cultural Night, Mashpee Rod and Gun Club
- November 11 – 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**  
Alcoholics Anonymous, 33 Great Neck Road South
- November 11 – 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**  
Beading and Crafts, MWT Headquarters
- November 13 – 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**  
Wampanoag Cultural Day, Quashnet Elementary School
- November 14 – 2:00 p.m.**  
General Body Meeting, Mashpee High School Auditorium
- November 15 – 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**  
Food Pantry, MWT Headquarters
- November 15 – 5:30 p.m.**  
Youth Cultural Night, Mashpee Rod and Gun Club
- November 17 – 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**  
Food Pantry, MWT Headquarters
- November 18 – 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**  
Alcoholics Anonymous, 33 Great Neck Road South
- November 18 – 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**  
Beading and Crafts, MWT Headquarters
- November 20 – 2:00 p.m.**  
Native American Thanksgiving Celebration, Old Indian Meetinghouse
- November 22 – 5:30 p.m.**  
Youth Cultural Night, Mashpee Rod and Gun Club
- November 29 – 5:30 p.m.**  
Youth Cultural Night, Mashpee Rod and Gun Club
- December 2 – 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**  
Alcoholics Anonymous, 33 Great Neck Road South
- December 2 – 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**  
Beading and Crafts, MWT Headquarters
- December 6 – 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**  
Food Pantry, MWT Headquarters
- December 6 – 5:30 p.m.**  
Youth Cultural Night, Mashpee Rod and Gun Club

## Elton Jerome Tobey, Jr, 1960 – 2010

**E**lton Tobey, Jr., a proud member of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, passed suddenly on October 1, 2010. A native of Cape Cod, Elton was a graduate of Falmouth High School. He was a United States Army Veteran, a member of the Carpenters Union and a much-loved volunteer at the Torrington, CT Food Pantry.

Elton was the son of Elton Tobey, Sr., of Bourne and the late Valerie Tobey of Marshfield. He also leaves his stepmother, Ellen Tobey.

Elton will be missed by his siblings: His sisters, Yvonne Tobey, Robyn Tobey Stamps and Carrie Tobey all of Bourne; Jenifer Tobey of California and Sherri

Schaefer-Beagle of Falmouth. He also leaves behind his brothers Kevin Tobey of Mashpee, Joseph Schaefer of California and William Schaefer of Bourne.

Elton was the loving father of Kerri Lyn Tobey of Falmouth and grandfather to Landon Christopher, whom he adored.

Elton was loved by his nieces and nephews: Valerie Inniss, D'Andre Williams, Kianah Quintal, Eric Stamps, Aaron Michael Tobey and Brittany Tobey. He was the uncle of the late Jerohme Crichlow.

He also leaves behind his loving partner, Stephanie Teed of Milford and hundreds of relatives and friends.

## Tribe Awarded Grant for Native Scholars Program

The United States Department of Education, through its Office of Indian Education Demonstration Grant program, has awarded the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe \$1,198,263 to fund a pre-college initiative for 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade Native students in Massachusetts. This program, called Native Tribal Scholars (NTS), is modeled on the highly successful Upward Bound program operated by UMass Boston for over 40 years. This program was developed and will be operated collaboratively by the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, the North American Indian Center of Boston (NA-ICOB), and UMass Boston's Institute for New England Native American Studies and division of American Support Services. This program will consist of both academic year and residential components.

After receiving word of the grant, Chairman Cedric Cromwell said, "We are thrilled to receive this grant and increase the resources available as we prepare our Youth for college. This collaborative effort will provide many young people an opportunity to pursue their education and focus on leading successful adult lives."

The purpose of the NTS program is to prepare low income, first generation Native Americans for post-secondary education. This will be accomplished by providing counseling, tutoring, and academic courses that are both challenging and nurturing.

The program will be comprised of counseling and tutoring services during the academic school year and a



six-week residential summer program. UMass Boston will directly manage these components.

In the six-week summer session, students will take courses in literature, composition, mathematics, science and computer science. Other program services will include assistance in choosing and applying to college; help with applying for financial aid and scholarships; personal, career and financial counseling; and workplace and college visits.

The program is designed on the same concept as UMass Boston's very successful Upward Bound Program, now in its 45th year. On average, 90% of the Upward Bound graduates are accepted to at least one post-secondary institution annually and more than 70% graduate within six years. The Native Tribal Scholars program will use the same concept and curriculum design but with a concentration on Native American history, culture, and contemporary issues.

Student participants will not only attain stronger academic skills but will gain critical and analytical thinking skills, build positive and confident attitudes and learn comradeship and resourcefulness.

## Ramona Peters Receives Prestigious Award

**T**ribal Member Ramona Peters was recently honored with a prestigious First People's Fund Community Spirit Award. Six Native American artists from across the country were honored in a ceremony in St. Paul, Minnesota.

According to the First People's Fund, The Jennifer Easton Community Spirit Award recognizes individuals using the arts to sustain values of Native people. The honorees were recognized for their commitment to connect their communities to a shared history and culture. Through their art, these indigenous artists share their inspiration, wisdom, knowledge and gifts. This process is a sacred honor, undertaken with deep humility and strength. Their work serves as a manifest of tools supporting the spiritual practices of the people: the beadwork and clothing that prepare dancers for the dance; the pipes for ceremony; the drum and rattles for the songs and prayers.

"These individual artists have a

spirit and love for life, which causes us to pause for a moment and simply reflect on the greater society, the beauty of the human spirit, and our own generosity toward others," said Lori Pourier, President of First People's Fund.

The First People's Fund described their decision to honor Ramona as follows:

- Ramona Peters (Mashpee Wampanoag); Mashpee, MA. Ramona works with clay and other natural materials making ceramic vessels. She uses and teaches the ways of the ancestors, aware of collaborating with the elements of fire, water, earth and air. She chose to revive the lost form of Wampanoag pottery, which she describes as "bringing a long relative back home." Ramona uses her art form to nourish tribal community members about ancient practices. Oftentimes upon returning home she finds freshly dug clay on her doorsteps from community members. She finds joy in teaching others and has a deep desire to

## Shellfish Farm Selling Oysters at Wholesale

**T**he Mashpee Wampanoag Shellfish Farm has begun to sell its oysters at wholesale with the guidance of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Economic Development Committee. Income generated from this Tribal enterprise will be reinvested into the project to make it a self-sustaining operation. With proper development it will become an income-generating business for the Tribe.

The Natural Resource Department is currently consulting with the Massachusetts Department of

Agricultural Resources and our wholesalers to identify a legal way for our tribal membership to purchase our oysters, as we currently do not have the facility or certifications to do so. This budding endeavor has progressed to a point where we are transitioning the Tribal shellfish grants from a family farm to an economic asset of the Tribe. As we continue to move, we must be conscious to treat it as a business. We intend to keep the Tribal citizens up to date on progress made of the sales of our product and on options to make oysters available for retail purchase.



use her knowledge as a form of healing. Some of her students have gone on to teach their own children.



*Community Spirit awardees left to right are: Richard Zane Smith; Trudie Lamb-Richmond; Alfred "Bud" Lane; Therese St. Cyr; Ramona Peters and Wade Fernandez*

## Chairman's Message (continued)

interest rate on this loan is 15%. I recognize that this is a higher interest rate than a typical mortgage or car loan that you may be familiar with, because we do not have assets that we can use to secure the loan. However, the interest rate is lower than what you would typically see with something like a credit card, and is significantly lower than similar loans to other Tribes throughout the country.

This loan has been made to us based on the likelihood that we will be successful in developing and operating a casino in the near future. Our investors share the risk of this effort with us. They will be paid back on the net profits from a casino – after expenses are paid, not before. The bottom line is that when we are successful, our investors will be successful, and we share both the risks and the rewards.

My hope is that having financial information available in a clear, understandable format will empower Tribal members by giving all of us the information we need about the Tribe's business, the programs that we facilitate, and our direction for the future.

Cedric Cromwell  
Qaqemasq (Running Bear)

## Scholarship Program

**T**he Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council wishes to announce the expansion of the Tribal Children and Youth Scholarship Program at the Falmouth Training Facility (formerly USA Kung Fu Academy), owned by Brendan Lopes and Tiffany Mendes. The facilities offer programs that are hosted seven days a week. The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council is excited to announce that transportation will be available to and from the Falmouth Training Facility on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Enrolled Tribal Members should call (508) 540-7500 or (508) 681-9338 and speak to Michelle M. Hughes-Fernandes to make transportation arrangements. Classes include Kung Fu children's basic program and teen basic program, tutoring classes, boxing, and Jiu-Jitsu.

## Economic Development News

The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Economic Development Committee is updating their business directory of tribally owned businesses.

If you are a business owner, please submit your profile to [greg@firstlighttrading.com](mailto:greg@firstlighttrading.com). Your profile should include your name, company name, address, phone number, email address and a brief description of your business.

## Free Smoke Detectors

**T**he Mashpee Wampanoag Housing Department along with the Tribal Council is giving out free smoke/carbon monoxide detectors to eligible tribal members.

To be eligible for this program, you must be a tribal elder (55 years or older), or a household with a disabled Tribal member and present a valid drivers license and Tribal identification card.

There is a limit of one smoke/carbon monoxide detector per eligible household. For more information, please contact Valerie Molokwu, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe housing weatherization and habilitation specialist at (508) 477-0208 x235 Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to Noon.

## Health Department Notes



Congratulations to Tribal Health Director Rita Gonsalves on her new job as Health Service Administrator for our new Health Clinic. Rita will be responsible for the management of healthcare operations at our new Health Clinic scheduled to open in January 2011. There will be a presentation from the Tribal Health Department on our plans at the December 12th General Body Meeting. A Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will be held in January for the new clinic.

## Housing Department

**T**hanks to funding from Indian Health Services and the EPA's Safe Water Drinking Act Program, construction has started on the Meetinghouse Road Water Main Project. Eight Tribal members will be completely hooked up into town water and will be able to feel comfortable that they will have clean safe drinking water as a result of this project.

## Education Notes

An Intertribal Social celebrating the 5th anniversary of participation in the Native American Harvard Medical Summer Program will be held on Saturday, November 27th from 3-8 p.m. at Camp Burgess in Sandwich. All drums welcomed. For additional information, please email [cfrye-cromwell@mwtribe.com](mailto:cfrye-cromwell@mwtribe.com).

The College Horizons applications are available online for the 2011 programs at [www.collegehorizons.org](http://www.collegehorizons.org). The application deadline for this scholarship is Monday, February 14, 2011.

## Annual Ancestor Day

**T**he Second Annual Ancestor Day was held on Saturday, September 25. Mashpee came out on this warm Saturday afternoon; young and old came to honor those that have passed on. The food was straight Wamp style and it was great - June's chowder, Buddy's blue fish, Bernadine's baked beans and Natalie's fried chicken. As we all gathered in a circle, Dr. Chester Soliz opened up in prayer, then we all came together to witness the first Wampanoag flag in the cemetery and we watched our children, the future of our people, as they fought to pull our flag to its destination.

By Stanley Dutra



## Wôpanâak Language Reclamation Project Awarded Two-Year Grant

**A**fter nearly two decades of language-immersion-on-a shoe-string, the Wôpanâak Language Reclamation Project has been awarded a \$530,000 grant from the Department of Health and Human Services' Administration for Native Americans (ANA) to support their language reclamation efforts.

The ANA grant, which will span a two-year period, will be used for a Master-Apprentice Program that will allow Project Director and Founder, Jessie 'little doe' Baird, to train three apprentices — one each from the Mashpee, Aquinnah and Assonet communities — in gaining advanced fluency in the Wôpanâak language and developing early childhood curricula for the Pre-K and Kindergarten school planned for fall of 2013.

"This is an amazing opportunity not just for WLRP but also for the entire Wampanoag Community," said little doe who, along with Judi Urquhart, WLRP Board Member, co-wrote the grant. "Training more teachers will al-

low us a much broader reach in teaching Wampanoag tribal members and restoring fluency of our language more quickly."

One of the objectives of WLRP's 10-year Strategic Plan is to open a full-day, Wôpanâak-only, Pre-K and Kindergarten for the Wampanoag community at the completion of the grant period. The intention is then to add a grade each successive year until the community has a Pre-K to 12th grade school with curriculum all taught in Wôpanâak. little doe said, "We know that it is through our children that reclamation of our language can be accelerated and the receipt of this grant is an incredible step on that path."

ANA received over 389 new grant applications for this year's grant application process with funding requests for approximately \$84.5 million. In spite of a highly competitive application process, WLRP was counted among the select group of funding recipients. ANA was established under the Native American Programs Act of 1974 (NAPA)

and provides discretionary and competitive grant funding to assist in the planning, development, and implementation of short-term community-based projects that result in social and economic benefits supporting healthy children, families and communities.

By Judi Urquhart

### ICWA / Juvenile Justice

The following services are available to Tribal Members through the Indian Child Welfare Act / Juvenile Justice programs:

#### Case Management:

Helping Tribal Members find the services they need. Team Work with the Department of Children and Families (DCF) and the court system

#### Support Services:

Independent living skills  
Parenting Skills  
Legal Advice  
Child Support Concerns  
Teaching appropriate and positive ways of working with DCF  
Preparing for court  
Testifying on behalf of the family

If you feel like you or your loved one needs our services please do not hesitate to contact our office:

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## Tribal Court Update

**T**his is the fourth article that covers the Canons of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Court Code of Ethics. In this month's article I will cover Canon 5.

**Canon 5** – A judge should not be swayed or otherwise influenced by the clamor of the tribal membership or pressure from the Tribal Council.

#### **Comment 1:**

The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Court is a separate and equal branch of the tribal government. Pursuant to the tribal constitution, judges may be removed from office only for their inability or failure to carry out the duties of the office or for the lack of a requisite qualification. This protection is afforded so that judges are free to rule solely upon the law and facts of a case.

#### **Comment 2:**

Judges must not be swayed by the political or financial implications, on the Tribe, of their decisions. Judges must rule against the Tribe where the law and facts of a case support such a finding. If the Tribal Council engages in unconstitutional or unlawful conduct, and that issue is duly raised in a Tribal Court action, then the judge must rule accord-

ingly. Judges must not hesitate to rule in favor of the Tribe or Tribal Council even if the tribal membership clamors for a different outcome. Judges must rule on the facts and law presented and they must support their decisions solely by those considerations.

#### **Comment 3:**

Judges must not base their decisions on whether particular laws or litigants are popular or unpopular with the tribal membership or the Tribal Council.

#### **Comment 4:**

Tribal membership and Tribal Council's confidence in the judiciary is eroded if judicial decision making is or is perceived to be subject to inappropriate influences.

#### **Comment 5:**

A judge must resist influences on the court by members of the Tribal Council, other tribal officials or any others attempting to improperly influence the judge. The judge should discourage members of the Tribal Council from attending court sessions as a spectator.

By Judge Henry Sockbeson



## Wampanoag Cultural and Education Celebration Day

**Y**es, it is that time of year again for the Annual Housing Department Fundraiser! Funds raised at this event are used throughout the year for Tribal members who apply for emergency or crisis housing assistance and are not eligible for HUD financial programs or cannot meet the HUD guidelines for various reasons.

Our fundraising efforts have been supported for years with tax-deductible donations from many local agencies, sponsors and Tribal Powwow apparel. Many businesses have donated gift cards, certificates and items for our famous Penny Sale.

If you would like to make a donation, please stop by or call the Tribal Office for more information. We ask for fairly new items that can be

raffled, monetary donations and nothing bigger than a chair.

In addition, Native craft vendors are invited to rent a space for \$20 per 10' table. Spaces are limited and are assigned on a first come, first served basis.

**When:** Saturday, November 13, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Where:** Quashnet School Cafeteria, 150 Old Barnstable Road, Mashpee

**Admission:** Open to the Public. \$5 donation at the door, children under 12 and elders over 62 free.

**Featuring:** Penny Sale, Native Foods, Native Crafts, Cultural Dances, Demonstrations, Music.

## Youth Council Elections

The Mashpee Wampanoag Youth Council held its elections last month and the following kids were elected to serve their peers:

Brian Weeden, President  
 Unique Costa, Vice President  
 Kenna Scott, Secretary  
 Sassamin Weeden, Secretary  
 Keturah Peters, Treasurer  
 Mariah Gunn, Treasurer  
 Victoria Peters-Fermino, Councilor  
 Kevin Frye Jr., Councilor  
 Scott Reels, Councilor

The Youth Council currently has space for additional council members. For additional information or if you would like to join, email the council at [mashpeewampanoagyouthcouncil@yahoo.com](mailto:mashpeewampanoagyouthcouncil@yahoo.com).

## Indian Child Welfare Act Program Updates

### Becoming a Foster Parent

#### Foster parents Must:

- \* Be at least 21 years of age
- \* Be willing to be fingerprinted and have a criminal background check
- \* Have a stable home & income
- \* Maintain a drug free environment
- \* Complete all required training & be licensed by the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe's ICWA Department
- \* Have no substantiated abuse and/or neglect reports



### Primary Role of Foster Parents

The primary goal for a foster parent is to provide a safe and loving temporary home for children to live in until they can be safely returned home or placed with a permanent family. A foster parent must nurture and care for the child as if he or she is a member of the family. A foster parent will help the child transition to a permanent home, whether reunited with the birth family or adopted. ICWA Department is committed to being as flexible as possible when working with new families.

Foster Parents **DO NOT** have to be married, rich, or own a home.

ICWA will offer foster parents monthly financial assistance based on each child's age and needs.

### Frequently Asked Questions

**Q.** Will I receive training?

**A.** Yes. Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe requires training called MAPP/GPS (Massachusetts Approach to Partnership). ICWA Department will offer these trainings and will be as flexible as possible when it comes to times and locations.

**Q.** Will I receive financial support?

**A.** ICWA Department will offer foster parents monthly financial assistance based on each child's age and needs.

**Q.** Where do I go to start the process?

**A.** Please contact ICWA Department Director Ronda D. Jones, MSW immediately to begin the process. Ronda can be reached at 508.419.6017, ext. 604 or [rjones@mwtribe.com](mailto:rjones@mwtribe.com).

## Thanksgiving Celebration

**T**he Old Indian Meeting House Committee is hosting a Native American thanksgiving celebration. The ceremony, with regalia and cultural traditions, will be held at the Old Indian Meeting House on Saturday, November 20 at 2:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome and is encouraged to join the celebration.

A Christmas Service will be held on Sunday, December 19 at the Old Indian Meeting House.



## Congressman Supports the Tribe's Land in Trust Application

Congressman Jim McGovern has written a forceful letter in support of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe's Land in Trust application. The Tribe's Land in Trust application was amended in July to include 300 acres in Fall River for the purpose of developing a world-class resort style casino. A copy of the letter is below.

JAMES P. MCGOVERN  
3RD DISTRICT, MASSACHUSETTS

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September 27, 2010

The Honorable Ken Salazar  
Secretary of the Interior  
1849 C Street N.W.  
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RE: Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Application for Land in Trust

Dear Secretary Salazar,

Please accept this correspondence as evidence of my support for the land in trust application submitted by the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, as amended, to designate property in the City of Fall River, MA. As one of the two U.S. congressmen representing the City of Fall River, I respectfully request favorable action on this amended application.

The City of Fall River through its elected leadership has forged a partnership with the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe to expand economic development and job opportunities both in the community and the south coast region. In recognition of this partnership and the mutual benefits it endeavors to create, I endorse the amended application.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns regarding this correspondence. I look forward to the Department of Interior's timely review of this matter.

Sincerely,



James P. McGovern  
Member of Congress



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## EMPLOYMENT

### Council Announces Two New Job Openings

**T**he Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council is pleased to announce two new job openings – Education Director and Building, Grounds and Roads Director.

For the full position descriptions, including requirements, visit the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council Website at [www.mashpeewampanoagtribe.com](http://www.mashpeewampanoagtribe.com) and click on “employment-training.”

#### Education Director

**Summary:** Plans, develops, implements and administers programs to provide educational guidance to Mashpee Wampanoag students by performing the following duties.

**Essential Duties:** Coordinate with area schools and other organizations to develop curriculums to meet needs and interests of Mashpee Wampanoag students and community.

Prepares budget and determines allocation of funds for staff, supplies and equipment, and facilities.

Analyzes data from questionnaires, interviews, and group discussions to

evaluate curricula, teaching methods, and community participation in educational and other programs.

Directs preparation of publicity to promote educational programs or other services available to Mashpee Wampanoag tribal members.

Provides consultative services for general and special education programs for Mashpee Wampanoag students. Develops and implement technical and vocational programs and for early childhood.

#### Building, Grounds and Roads Director

**Summary:** Supervises and coordinates activities of workers engaged in maintenance and repair of physical structures, and space usage of buildings, grounds and roads by performing the following duties.

**Essential Duties:** Directs workers engaged in painting and performing structural repairs to masonry, wood-work, and furnishings of buildings.

Directs workers engaged in ground and road maintenance activities, such as

mowing lawns, trimming hedges, removing weeds, and raking and disposing of leaves, refuse and snow removal.

Directs workers engaged in the general cleaning and upkeep of buildings, including buffing, dusting, sweeping, mopping, vacuuming, and washing windows.

Reviews progress of all road construction and maintenance projects.

Inspects completed work for conformance to blueprints, specifications, and standards.

Acts as Tribal liaison to Federal, State and Town governments.

Works with engineers and contractors and subcontractors on all projects.

Prepares and oversees RFP process for road and maintenance projects.

Works directly with subcontractors on projects to ensure work is completed according to specifications.

Directs workers assisting other departments as requested, including moving furniture and unloading and storing supplies.