**NARRAGANSETT INDIAN TRIBE**

**Tribal Assembly Zoom Call Meeting**

**March 26, 2022**

**Council on Call:** Chief Sachem, Anthony Dean Stanton, First Councilman, Cassius Spears, Jr., Second Councilman, Michael Monroe, Sr., John Mahoney, Heather Mars-Martins, John Pompey,

**Absent**: Lonny Brown, Yvonne Lamphere, Keith Sampson, Ray Lamphere

**Also on Call:** Tribal Secretary, Betty Johnson; Assistant Tribal Secretary, Monica Stanton

Meeting opened at 10:06 a.m.

Chief Sachem gave Traditional Words and a moment of silence for those that are ill or that have passed.

Councilwoman Mars-Martins gave Spiritual Christian words and prayer.

Chief Sachem Stanton said he will update the August Meeting process at a later date.

Chief Sachem Stanton said regarding the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), that after reviewing the final plans/rules, then an announcement will be made.

Chief Sachem Stanton said on an administrative note, the 2020 audit is complete and preparation being done for the 2021 audit. Also economic development in the planning with possibilities.

In April will send out a notice regarding swearing-in process for Provisional members for meetings in June, July and August.

**Old Business:**

Regarding the Carcieri Fix, possible update at a later date.

There were some technical difficulties with the Zoom meeting.

Meeting resumed at 10:34 a.m.

Brief recap of the update from the Chief Sachem.

**Question and Answer period**.

Tribal Election Committee notice was mailed out.

**New Business**:

Tribe created Provisional Members who can receive services and once oath taken and sworn in, they become official Tribal Members.

Tribal Election Committee established to support and move the election process forward.

Dealing with USET and NCAI and maintaining connections.

Tribal Government taking some actions within the State, i.e., water access and control issues, handling administrative and programmatic issues, hardship requests and COVID issues.

Once final set of rules regarding ARPA are addressed, looking at a second round of payments.

**Question and Answer period.**

Look to the website for updates, information, notices, etc.

Look for Tribal Election Committee notices.

Next Tribal Body Meeting will be on April 30, 2022.

**Motion to adjourn made by Councilman Pompey, seconded by Second Councilman Monroe, Sr. Vote: Unanimous.**

Meeting adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Johnson

Tribal Secretary