**NARRAGANSETT INDIAN TRIBE**

**Tribal Assembly Meeting**

**June 25, 2022**

**Council Present:** Chief Sachem, Anthony Dean Stanton, First Councilman, Cassius Spears, Jr., John Mahoney, John Pompey, Ray Lamphere, Keith Sampson

**Absent**: Second Councilman Mike Monroe, Sr., Lonny Brown, Yvonne Lamphere, Heather Mars-Martins

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

Meeting opened at 10:30 a.m.

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

Tribal Elder, Mary Brown, gave Spiritual Christian words and prayer.

Chief Sachem Stanton gave an update on national services. He also stated that the 2021 audit should be done in July. The USET meeting is in July.

Chief Sachem Stanton said the August 1 deadline for the ARPA distribution will be met.

First Councilman Spears, Jr. gave a welcome to the new members; stated that the Tribe is making sure our families in need are taken care of. The Tribe is working on the day-to-day issues; looking into youth programs and elder programs, etc. and other ways to expand and working better with our local communities.

It was stated that the 347 Annual August Meeting will be held with the proper protocols in place.

The Swearing-in of Provisional Members was started at 11:00 a.m.

After the Swearing-in was finished, Tribal members asked questions:

* Issues pertaining to the structure of the Council and how the First and Second Council members seats are chosen.
* Question pertaining to the Tribal Investigating Committee and the Election Committee of which it was stated that these questions need to be asked of each Committee directly.
* Question regarding the Tribal Administrator position and if there are plans to fill that position. The response was that at this time there is no money available for that position; maybe in the future.

**First Councilman Spears, Jr., made a Motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Pompey as it was noted there may not be enough Tribal Members present in the Assembly to continue the meeting. Vote: Unanimous**

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Johnson

Tribal Secretary