



Martha's Vineyard Land Bank Commission

BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE

MINUTES REGULAR SESSION MEETING OF NOVEMBER 26, 2019

167 Main Street. Edgartown, Massachusetts

CALL TO ORDER: 9:17 am

MEMBERS PRESENT AT CALL TO ORDER

Pamela Goff, Richard Knight, Jr., Wesley Mott

MEMBERS ABSENT AT CALL TO ORDER

None

STAFF PRESENT AT CALL TO ORDER

James Lengyel, Ian Peach, Julie Russell

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 5, 2019

By a motion made and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes as written.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Agency Administration: Fiscal Year 2021 Budget

The Subcommittee continued, from its November 5, 2019 meeting, its discussion of goals and priorities for upcoming land bank budgets. Distributed to members in advance were (1.) a November 23, 2019 inventory, prepared by Mr. Peach, of possible property upgrades on the land bank properties in the two lagoon towns; and (2.) a November 23, 2019 draft memorandum from the Subcommittee to the Commission as to recommendations for future subcontracting and hiring.

Mr. Knight noted that he had asked Subcommittee members to site-visit the Pecoy Point and Ramble Trail Preserves, to compare their and Mr. Peach's observations; members then did so. He stated, further, that he himself

visited the land bank's workshop at the Southern Woodlands Reservation and believes that it needs an infusion of funds to organize and professionalize the infrastructure and layout. Staff recorded details, to be included in a future action plan.

Turning their attention to the draft memorandum to the Commission, members discussed (1.) whether the annual hiring of a fresh ecology intern could work, and concluded that it could; (2.) the extent to which trail upgrades could be subcontracted out, to be followed thereafter by regular staff maintenance; (3.) "tiering" land bank trails on each property, so that certain trails receive a certain level of maintenance, others receive a different level and some are altogether discontinued; (4.) the extent to which a graphic designer is in fact needed since, *inter alia*, it is possible to upgrade the land bank website in-house if supported by a new platform; and the like.

Members agreed to continue site-visits on their own. Mr. Peach will carry the inventory into the south-beach towns and the Subcommittee will next reconvene on January 7, 2020 at 9:15 am (1.) to review new inventories; and (2.) to continue discussions about its ultimate recommendations to the Commission.

PUBLIC INPUT

1. Public Input

Philip Cordella offered his thoughts about (1.) the land bank's revenues and land management; (2.) rare species propagation; (3.) goats at the Wapatequa Woods Reservation; (4.) the Nantucket land bank website; and (5.) a Vineyard Haven friend of his who likes the Ramble Trail Preserve.

ADJOURNMENT

By a motion made and seconded, the Subcommittee voted unanimously to adjourn.
10:41 am