



Martha's Vineyard Land Bank Commission

BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE

MINUTES REGULAR SESSION MEETING OF NOVEMBER 5, 2019

167 Main Street. Edgartown, Massachusetts

CALL TO ORDER: 9:15 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

NEW BUSINESS

1. Board Administration: Appointment of Officers

By a motion made and seconded, the subcommittee voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Knight as chairman.

2. Agency Administration: Fiscal Year 2021 Budget

Mr. Knight stated that the institution has long focused on land acquisition and that he now wishes to improve the land bank's property management program — trails, signage, kiosks, mowing, benches, building upkeep — and ecology program — species inventories, *phragmites* control, grassland protocols — and thus wants to plan for any expenditures associated with doing so. He cited as an example a local farm where its 29 buildings were evaluated biennially, which would then give rise to an annual maintenance plan for each. Mrs. Goff stated that her focus was eroding trails.

Mr. Peach stated that the management staff's time generally blocks out in the following way each year: 1.5 months for late winter mowing; 2 months for

special winter projects; and 1.5 months for summer oversight and upkeep. He stated that it is the staff's feeling that "it is always being pulled off" planned projects to work on exigencies somewhere.

Ms. Russell noted that her pipeline in management plan drafting is affected by having interns available for only a portion of the year.

Mr. Knight stated that perhaps the land bank needs "a surge of application and funding" and can thereafter return to its ordinary arrangements. Ms. Russell departed the meeting at this time.

After additional discussion, the subcommittee agreed that it wished to review a full inventory of all deficits and needed upgrades for each land bank property. It will next meet on November 26 and staff will supply as much of an inventory as it can in that timetable.

PUBLIC INPUT

1. Public Input

Philip Cordella asked whether part-time trail planner William Veno should be asked to help with the inventory. Mrs. Goff stated that his job is to plan for new trail easements.

ADJOURNMENT

By a motion made and seconded, the subcommittee voted unanimously to adjourn.
10:24 pm