



Martha's Vineyard Land Bank Commission

MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
MEETING OF JUNE 10, 2019

167 Main Street. Edgartown, Massachusetts

CALL TO ORDER: 3:46 pm

LAND BANK COMMISSIONERS PRESENT AT CALL TO ORDER

Pamela Goff, Richard Knight, Jr., Wesley Mott, Sarah Thulin, Nancy Weaver

LAND BANK COMMISSIONERS ABSENT AT CALL TO ORDER

Mary Robin Ravitch, Kristen Reimann

STAFF PRESENT AT CALL TO ORDER

James Lengyel, Julie Russell

OTHERS PRESENT AT CALL TO ORDER *(and not cited elsewhere herein)*

None

PRESENTATION OF THE WARRANT

Warrant no. 2019-25 was made available for the Commission's inspection.

PUBLIC INPUT

None

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

By a motion made and seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the agenda as amended.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JUNE 3, 2019

By a motion made and seconded, the Commission voted four in favor, none opposed and Mr. Mott abstaining to approve the minutes as presented.

COUNTY AND LAND BANK COMMISSION TREASURERS' REPORTS

None

TRANSFER FEE REVENUES

Revenues for the week ending June 7, 2019: \$147,440.02

NEW BUSINESS

1. Agency Administration: Fiscal Year 2020 Budget

Staff reported that each of the Town Advisory Boards had approved the budget for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2019. After discussion and by a motion made and seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to do likewise.

2. Agency Administration: Personnel and Staffing

Ecologist Julie Russell recommended that the Commission, effective July 1, 2019, place the agency's two wildlife biology assistants on step 2 of hourly scale A of the land bank's employee remuneration schedule; this would change the wage from \$13.50 per hour to \$14.50 per hour. She outlined the varied and extensive tasks undertaken by these summer interns and reported that the current wage, on its face, is competitive with similar summer positions elsewhere, except that the cost-of-living in those venues is lower. Funds have been allocated for this purpose in the fiscal year 2020 budget.

Commissioners discussed, variously, (1.) wages paid for like positions elsewhere on the island, e.g., the Polly Hill Arboretum; (2.) the value of supplied housing, even though the wildlife biology assistants pay for it by working an additional 8 hours each week; (3.) whether the current wage can be characterized as parsimonious; and the like.

After discussion and by a motion made and seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to accept Ms. Russell's recommendation. The new wage will commence on July 1, 2019.

ENDORSEMENT OF THE WARRANT

The Commission endorsed Warrant no. 2019-25.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By a motion made and seconded, the Commission voted unanimously in a roll call vote to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing the purchase, lease, exchange or value of real property. Mrs. Thulin stated that the subjects to be discussed are the purchase or value of real property and declared that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the Commission. She further announced that the Commission would not reconvene in regular session after the conclusion of the executive session. The Commission entered executive session at 4:02 pm

certification:


Mary Robih Ravitch, Secretary