



Martha's Vineyard Land Bank Commission

MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
MEETING OF JUNE 14, 2021

via remote technology

CALL TO ORDER: 3:00 pm

LAND BANK COMMISSIONERS PRESENT AT CALL TO ORDER

Pamela Goff, Kristen Reimann, Sarah Thulin, Nancy Weaver, Peter Wells

LAND BANK COMMISSIONERS ABSENT AT CALL TO ORDER

Steven Ewing, Wesley Mott

STAFF PRESENT AT CALL TO ORDER

Harrison Kisiel, James Lengyel

OTHERS PRESENT DURING THE SESSION

Philip Cordella

By a motion made and seconded, the Commission voted unanimously in a roll call vote the following resolution:

We, the members of the Martha's Vineyard Land Bank Commission, express our deep sorrow at the death of our colleague and friend Priscilla Sylvia. A champion of conservation and land preservation for well over three decades, she served in 1984 on the Land Bank Study Committee that explored the very concept of a Land Bank Commission on this island. Priscilla was promptly elected Oak Bluffs commissioner in 1986 and held that office until 2019. During her three terms as chairman (1996-1998, 2007-2009, and 2017-2019), she was renowned for conducting rigorous, productive meetings. Priscilla considered the Land Bank critically important to maintaining the natural beauty, the environmental health, indeed the very character of Martha's Vineyard. Even in the face of illness, she battled for her convictions. We miss her extraordinary dedication, uncomplaining courage, and camaraderie.

This resolution is included in the minutes of today's meeting and we ask our executive director to convey our sentiments to Priscilla's family.

PRESENTATION OF THE WARRANT

Warrant no. 2021-55 was made available for the Commission's inspection.

Commissioner Steven Ewing joined the meeting at this time.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

By a motion made and seconded, the Commission voted unanimously in a roll call vote to approve the agenda as presented.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JUNE 7, 2021

By a motion made and seconded, the Commission voted unanimously in a roll call vote to approve the minutes as written.

COUNTY AND LAND BANK COMMISSION TREASURERS' REPORTS

None

TRANSFER FEE REVENUES

Revenues for the week ending June 11, 2021: \$416,582.80

NEW BUSINESS

1. Agency Administration: Personnel and Staffing

Mr. Kisiel reported that he and crew manager Antone Lima had conducted interviews for the hiring of a new conservation land assistant, most recently discussed at the Commission's May 3, 2021 meeting, and that he wished to recommend Blake Wasson for the position. He outlined both Mr. Wasson's qualifications — he served as a land bank summer ranger for three years — and the interview process.

After discussion and by a motion made and seconded, the Commission voted unanimously in a roll call vote (1.) to accept Mr. Kisiel's recommendation; and (2.) to assign Mr. Wasson to step 1 of grade 8 on the agency's employee remuneration schedule, which, as of July 1, 2021, will be \$53,394. Mr. Wasson will next be eligible for a step increase in July of 2023.

PUBLIC INPUT

None

ENDORSEMENT OF THE WARRANT

The Commission endorsed Warrant no. 2021-55.

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 3:17 pm.

certification: Wesley T Mott
Wesley Mott, Secretary