



Martha's Vineyard Land Bank Commission

MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
MEETING OF JUNE 21, 2021

via remote technology

CALL TO ORDER: 3:00 pm

LAND BANK COMMISSIONERS PRESENT AT CALL TO ORDER

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

LAND BANK COMMISSIONERS ABSENT AT CALL TO ORDER

Steven Ewing

STAFF PRESENT AT CALL TO ORDER

Harrison Kisiel, Cynthia Krauss, James Lengyel, Julie Russell

OTHERS PRESENT DURING THE SESSION

Philip Cordella

PRESENTATION OF THE WARRANT

Warrant nos. 2021-56 and -57 were 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 14, 2021

By a motion made and seconded, the Commission voted in a roll call vote six in favor, none opposed and Mr. Mott abstaining to approve the minutes as written.

COUNTY AND LAND BANK COMMISSION TREASURERS' REPORTS

None

TRANSFER FEE REVENUES

Revenues for the week ending June 18, 2021: \$132,826.70

NEW BUSINESS

1. Agency Land Management: Management Plans

Ecologist Julie Russell was present to discuss the status of management plan preparation for the James Pond Preserve and Squibnocket Pond Reservation. She reported that the core matter is sampling: given the scale of the latter, and its number of different habitats, she does not believe that current staffing will allow a timely completion of the necessary species inventories for both of the properties.

She proposed, as a solution, that the land bank hire its three current ecology interns to work on an overtime basis to perform the needed extra work. She outlined where the funding for same would be available in the budget.

After discussion and by a motion made and seconded, the Commission voted unanimously in a roll call vote to authorize the added expenditures. Commissioners agreed that the agency website should explain that the land bank's goal with each of these properties is to open them for public enjoyment for the summer of 2022 but that permitting — on both the local and commonwealth level — will be the key deciding factor and that it is possible that the openings may occur later.

PUBLIC INPUT

1. Agency Administration: Public Input

Philip Cordella spoke to management of the Trade Wind Fields Preserve.

ENDORSEMENT OF THE WARRANT

The Commission endorsed Warrant nos. 2021-56 and 57.

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 3:31 pm.

certification: Wesley T. Mott
Wesley Mott, Secretary