



# Martha's Vineyard Land Bank Commission

MINUTES  
REGULAR SESSION  
MEETING OF JULY 13, 2020

via remote technology

CALL TO ORDER: 3:00 pm

LAND BANK COMMISSIONERS PRESENT AT CALL TO ORDER

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

LAND BANK COMMISSIONERS ABSENT AT CALL TO ORDER

Kristen Reimann

STAFF PRESENT AT CALL TO ORDER

James Lengyel, Ian Peach

OTHERS PRESENT DURING THE SESSION

Gregory Solomon

PRESENTATION OF THE WARRANT

Warrant no. 2021-02 was made available for the Commission's inspection.

PUBLIC INPUT

*Commissioner Kristen Reimann joined the meeting during the following discussion.*

1. Agency Administration: General

Gregory Solomon reported that he was attending because he was interested in the land bank concept of "fair land use and conservation."

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JUNE 29, 2020

By a motion made and seconded, the Commission voted in a roll call vote four in

favor, none opposed and Mrs. Reimann abstaining to approve the minutes as written.

COUNTY AND LAND BANK COMMISSION TREASURERS' REPORTS

None

TRANSFER FEE REVENUES

Revenues for the week ending July 3, 2020: \$373,872.67

Revenues for the week ending July 10, 2020: \$445,725.00

NEW BUSINESS

1. Agency Administration: Fiscal Year 2020 Budget

The Commission discussed the following overage in the budget which ended on June 30: (1.) \$2,926.50, land management insurance.

After discussion and by a motion made and seconded, the Commission voted unanimously in a roll call vote to balance the budget by transferring this amount from its \$50,000 reserve to the above category. The bottom line does not change.

2. Manaquayak Preserve (Town of West Tisbury)

Land superintendent Ian Peach reported that the West Tisbury Board of Health recently approved a proposal he submitted that would allow public swimming, via an advance reservation system allocated in hourly blocks on a per-household basis, in the Ice House Pond. Opening date would be in early August, as logistics must first be organized. The town health agent will visit regularly, to assess success.

Commissioners variously discussed (1.) likely hours, per day and per week; (2.) staffing requirements; (3.) whether volunteers could be enlisted; (4.) the difficulty of using volunteers, as they ordinarily need a significant level of oversight to be effective and responsive; (5.) the reality that the land bank has always posted a number of attendants here — “this has always been an expensive property”; and the like.

After discussion and by a motion made and seconded, the Commission voted unanimously in a roll call vote to direct staff to proceed.

3. Agency Land Management: Purchase of Supplies

The Commission reviewed a July 10, 2020 staff memorandum requesting authorization to spend \$4,659.14 for black locust lumber for “trail blaze markers, posts, fence repair, signs, and other trail infrastructure.”

After discussion and by a motion made and seconded, the Commission voted unanimously in a roll call vote to approve the expenditure.

PUBLIC INPUT

None

ENDORSEMENT OF THE WARRANT

The Commission endorsed Warrant no. 2021-02.

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 3:25 pm.

certification:

  
Pamela Goff, Vice-Chairman

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