



Martha's Vineyard Land Bank Commission

MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
MEETING OF JULY 27, 2020

via remote technology

CALL TO ORDER: 3:02 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

Wesley Mott

STAFF PRESENT AT CALL TO ORDER

James Lengyel, Ian Peach

OTHERS PRESENT DURING THE SESSION

None

PRESENTATION OF THE WARRANT

Warrant no. 2021-04 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 in a roll call vote to approve the agenda as presented.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JULY 13, 2020

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 July 17, 2020: \$135,210.00

Revenues for the week ending July 24, 2020: \$196,650.00

NEW BUSINESS

1. Agency Policy: Public Use of Land Bank Properties

Mr. Wells asked about the Commission's e-bike policy; he reported having received, on a second-hand basis, information about trail damage.

Motorized vehicles have always been prohibited on land bank lands. Ms. Weaver stated that any damage to trails would result from speed, not merely the bikes themselves; she stated that she owns an e-bike and uses it benignly on various paths.

A motion was made and seconded to direct staff to study the possibility of allowing such bikes on certain land bank trails. Mrs. Goff stated that she believes that this is a matter of safety and that she does not support allowing motors on land bank lands. Mrs. Thulin called for a vote on the pending motion; it carried in a roll call vote, with Mmes. Reimann and Weaver and Mr. Wells in favor, Mmes. Goff and Thulin opposed and none abstaining.

2. Agency Administration: Farmland Leasing

Staff reported that three agricultural leases — (1.) Tea Lane Farm; (2.) Three Ponds Reservation; and (3.) Tiasquam Valley Reservation (west) — expire at the end of the year.

After discussion and by a motion made and seconded, the Commission voted unanimously in a roll call vote to direct staff to issue a request-for-proposals for the Three Ponds and Tiasquam Valley leaseholds.

Commissioner Pamela Goff departed the meeting at this time in order to avoid any possible appearance of conflict-of-interest.

Commissioners discussed the Tea Lane Farm and its two disjunct fields: a ±11-acre field on the Middle Road that is linked to the town's farmstead, and a ±1-acre field on Tea Lane itself. By a motion made and seconded, the Commission voted unanimously in a roll call vote to issue a request-for-proposals for the Tea Lane field; by a motion made and seconded, the Commission voted unanimously in a roll call vote to issue a request-for-proposals for the Middle Road field.

Mrs. Goff returned to the meeting at this time.

3. Manaquayak Preserve (Town of West Tisbury)

Land superintendent Ian Peach reported that, per the Commission's July 13, 2020 vote, the Ice House Pond will be open for public swimming starting August 1 using an advance reservation system to be sited on the agency's webpage. Morning and afternoon bookings will be available, Wednesday through Sunday. Access will occur via Wintergreen Lane, rather than the Lamberts Cove Road. Logistical questions were posed, whose answers Mr. Peach supplied; the Commission took no action.

PUBLIC INPUT

None

ENDORSEMENT OF THE WARRANT

The Commission endorsed Warrant no. 2021-04.

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 3:27 pm.

certification: Wesley T. Mott
Wesley Mott, Secretary