

# Martha's Vineyard Land Bank Commission

MINUTES  
REGULAR SESSION  
MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2021

via remote technology

CALL TO ORDER: 3:00 pm

LAND BANK COMMISSIONERS PRESENT AT CALL TO ORDER

Steven Ewing, 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

Harrison Kisiel, James Lengyel

OTHERS PRESENT DURING THE SESSION

George Brennan (*Martha's Vineyard Times*), Phillip Cordella

PRESENTATION OF THE WARRANT

Warrant no. 2022-10 was made available for the Commission's inspection.

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 AUGUST 23, 2021

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

*Commissioner Wesley Mott joined the meeting at this time.*

COUNTY AND LAND BANK COMMISSION TREASURERS' REPORTS

None

### TRANSFER FEE REVENUES

Revenues for the week ending August 27, 2021: \$237,340.00  
Revenues for the week ending September 3, 2021: \$357,558.00  
Revenues for the week ending September 10, 2021: \$420,800.00

### NEW BUSINESS

#### 1. Agency Administration: Receipt of Gift

Staff reported that the land bank had received a \$100 gift from Tammy Kallman, in memory of Wayne Kallman. After discussion and by a motion made and seconded, the Commission voted unanimously in a roll call vote to accept the donation, with gratitude.

#### 2. Agency Land Management: Requests for Collection and Research

The Commission reviewed two requests, from (1.) Matthew Pelikan to collect native bush clover seed at the Old County Arboretum, for use at Thimble Farm (part of the Little Duarte's Pond Preserve) in promoting native pollinator plants; and (2.) Margaret Curtin and Gregory Palermo to identify plants in the Mill Brook at the Waskosim's Rock Reservation for inclusion in the Mill Brook watershed study.

After discussion and by a motion made and seconded, the Commission voted unanimously in a roll call vote to authorize ecologist Julie Russell to issue a license for each (1.) as she sees fit; (2.) in accordance, as applicable, with the land bank's *Public use of land bank properties* policy; and (3.) subject to land bank receipt of all data gathered.

#### 3. Agency Land Management: Purchase of Equipment

The Commission reviewed a September 10, 2021 staff memorandum recommending the purchase of infrared trail counters, in order to gather statistics on public use. Trafx Research, Ltd. offers three units for a total price of \$2,280.

Extensive discussion took place as (1.) the source of the concept, which was a Martha's Vineyard Commission request for data to be incorporated into an open space plan; (2.) existing land bank data collection, which occurs only on beach properties via summer rangers; (3.) the imperative to maintain all trails, island-wide, to an outstanding standard irrespective of level of use; (4.) data = knowledge = power; and the like.

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

4. Tisbury Trail Planning

The Commission reviewed the contents of a management agreement between the town and land bank for the Sailors Burying Ground Road ancient way. The Tisbury Town Advisory Board, at its September 8, 2021 meeting, voted to recommend to the Commission that it enter into the agreement.

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

5. Tashmoo Preserve (Town of Tisbury)

The Commission discussed an application filed with the Tisbury Board of Appeals by abutter Penny Parrot for a special permit to expand a pre-existing non-conforming structure in the shore zone of the coastal district.

Discussion occurred as to the nature of the proposed expansion; its effect on the property; and whether, given that the proposal would ultimately find its way to the Tisbury Conservation Commission, comment was warranted. After such discussion and by a motion made and seconded, the Commission voted unanimously in a roll call vote to make no comment.

PUBLIC INPUT

None

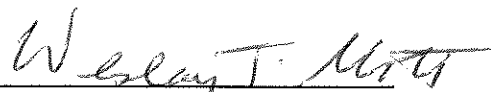
ENDORSEMENT OF THE WARRANT

The Commission endorsed Warrant no. 2022-10.

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 3:40 pm.

certification:

  
Wesley Mott, Secretary