



Martha's Vineyard Land Bank Commission

MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
MEETING OF NOVEMBER 22, 2021

via remote technology

CALL TO ORDER: 3:00 pm

LAND BANK COMMISSIONERS PRESENT AT CALL TO ORDER

Steven Ewing, Pamela Goff, Wesley Mott, Sarah Thulin, Nancy Weaver

LAND BANK COMMISSIONERS ABSENT AT CALL TO ORDER

Kristen Reimann, Peter Wells

STAFF PRESENT AT CALL TO ORDER

Tatia Bauer, Harrison Kiesel, James Lengyel, Julie Russell

OTHERS PRESENT DURING THE SESSION

Sharon Cooke, Philip Cordella

PRESENTATION OF THE WARRANT

Warrant no. 2022-20 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 NOVEMBER 15, 2021

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

COUNTY AND LAND BANK COMMISSION TREASURERS' REPORTS

None

TRANSFER FEE REVENUES

Revenues for the week ending November 19, 2021: \$646,256.00

NEW BUSINESS

1. Squibnocket Pond Reservation (Town of Aquinnah)

The Commission reviewed a draft management plan for this property, prepared by staff and dated November 22, 2021.

Questions were asked, whose answers staff supplied, regarding (1.) limitations on beach use apt to be required by the commonwealth natural heritage office; (2.) the absence of such limitations at the public beaches on the other end of the Moshup Trail; (3.) the path of permit-seeking that the land bank will need to take; (4.) the planned staffing, viz., five summer rangers, who will perform site work in addition to overseeing visitors' use; (5.) the general threat posed by the proliferation of ticks; (6.) the plan to disallow bicycle use for at least two years, followed thereafter by a re-evaluation; (7.) the projected timetable for opening, viz., beach use in the summer of 2023 preceded by upland use in the autumn of 2022; and the like.

After discussion and by a motion made and seconded, the Commission voted unanimously in a roll call vote (1.) to approve the plan, as a draft; and (2.) to refer it to its Aquinnah Town Advisory for review and public hearing.

PUBLIC INPUT

1. Agency Administration: Public Input

Philip Cordella spoke to the review of the Squibnocket Pond Reservation draft management plan by the Aquinnah Town Advisory Board.

ENDORSEMENT OF THE WARRANT

The Commission endorsed Warrant no. 2022-20.

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. Goff 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 4:09 pm.

certification:


Nancy Weaver, Secretary