



# Martha's Vineyard Land Bank Commission

MINUTES  
REGULAR SESSION  
MEETING OF DECEMBER 14, 2020

via remote technology

CALL TO ORDER: 3:03 pm

LAND BANK COMMISSIONERS PRESENT AT CALL TO ORDER

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

LAND BANK COMMISSIONERS ABSENT AT CALL TO ORDER

None

STAFF PRESENT AT CALL TO ORDER

James Lengyel, Ian Peach, Julie Russell

OTHERS PRESENT DURING THE SESSION

Philip Cordella

PRESENTATION OF THE WARRANT

Warrant no. 2021-30 was made available for the Commission's inspection.

PUBLIC INPUT

1. Agency Administration: Public Input

Philip Cordella spoke to (1.) the registrar's report; and (2.) the land bank's agricultural leases.

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 DECEMBER 7, 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 December 11, 2020: \$720,050.00

NEW BUSINESS

1. Agency Land Management: Farmland Leases

The Commission conducted its annual review of the following of its farmland leases: (1.) James Athearn at the Sweetened Water Preserve; (2.) Simon Athearn at the Norton Fields Preserve; (3.) Simon Athearn at the Peaked Hill Reservation (including a sublease to Timothy Colon); (4.) Brian Cioffi at the Blue Barque Preserve; (5.) Krishana Collins at the Peaked Hill Reservation; (6.) Johanna Douglas at the Wapatequa Woods Reservation; (7.) Arnold Fischer, Jr. at the Short Cove Preserve; (8.) Fred Fisher III at the Little Field Preserve; (9.) Allen Healy at the Tiasquam Valley Reservation (east); (10.) Jefferson Munroe at the Tisbury Meadow Preserve; and (11.) Gary Stead at Featherstone Farm.

Mr. Lengyel reported that one additional lease is current: (1.) Lillian Walter at the Poucha Pond Reservation. In order to avoid any possible appearance of conflict-of-interest, as land superintendent Ian Peach is married to Ms. Walter, land bank planner William Veno conferred with Ms. Walter. Mr. Peach absented himself from the meeting at this time and Mr. Lengyel reported that Mr. Veno recommends that the lease be continued. After discussion and by a motion made and seconded, the Commission voted unanimously in a roll call vote to accept his recommendation.

Mr. Peach returned to the meeting. Having conferred with each of the lessees as to their activities in 2020, he recommended that all of the leases be continued. After discussion and by a motion made and seconded, the Commission voted unanimously in roll call vote to accept his recommendation.

2. Agency Land Management: Purchase of Equipment

Ecologist Julie Russell reported that the staff had solicited bids for the purchase of a 16' aluminum livestock trailer (to replace a corroded steel one); they, arrayed in descending order by price, are: (1.) Key R-D Trailer Sales, \$14,995; (2.) Yered Trailer Sales, \$13,950; and (3.) Chipaway Trailer Sales, \$11,460. Funds for this item were allocated in the land bank's current budget.

After discussion and by a motion made and seconded, the Commission

voted unanimously in a roll call vote to accept the low bid.

PUBLIC INPUT

1. Agency Administration: Public Input  
Philip Cordella spoke to (1.) agriculture; and (2.) hunting.

ENDORSEMENT OF THE WARRANT

The Commission endorsed Warrant no. 2021-30.

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 3:29 pm.

certification: Wesley T. Mott  
Wesley Mott, Secretary