



Martha's Vineyard Land Bank Commission

MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
MEETING OF FEBRUARY 26, 2024

via remote technology

CALL TO ORDER: 3:01 pm

LAND BANK COMMISSIONERS PRESENT AT CALL TO ORDER

Steven Ewing, Wesley Mott, Sarah Thulin, Nancy Weaver, Peter Wells

LAND BANK COMMISSIONERS ABSENT AT CALL TO ORDER

Pamela Goff, Kristen Reimann

STAFF PRESENT AT CALL TO ORDER

Harrison Kiesel, James Lengyel, Bryn Willingham

OTHERS PRESENT DURING THE SESSION

Philip Cordella, Beth Fishman, Thomas Humphrey (*Vineyard Gazette*)

PRESENTATION OF THE WARRANT

Warrant no. 2024-36 was made available for the Commission's inspection.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Hearing no proposed additions, Mr. Mott declared the agenda approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 5, 2024

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 February 9, 2024: \$224,644.35

Revenues for the week ending February 16, 2024: \$259,320.00

Revenues for the week ending February 23, 2024: \$96,380.00

NEW BUSINESS

1. Tashmoo Preserve (Town of Tisbury)

The Commission reviewed a draft of this property's updated management plan, dated February 6, 2024; it is designed to supplant the existing May 22, 2019 plan.

Discussion variously occurred as to (1.) the conclusions of the June 13, 2019 report from Vineyard Land Surveying and Engineering, solicited by the land bank, which hypothesized as to likely outcomes should any part of the barrier beach be renaturalized via the removal of groins and/or revetments; (2.) the principal Commission reaction to the report at that time, viz., that there was (and presumably still is) an insufficient conservation presence on the peninsula to warrant such intervention, given possible downbeach impacts; and (3.) the relatively few changes in the updated plan compared to the original.

After discussion and by a motion made and seconded, the Commission voted unanimously in a roll call vote (1.) to approve the plan, as drafted; and (2.) to refer it to its Tisbury Town Advisory Board.

PUBLIC INPUT

1. Agency Administration: Public Input

Philip Cordella spoke to the draft updated management plan for the Tashmoo Preserve.

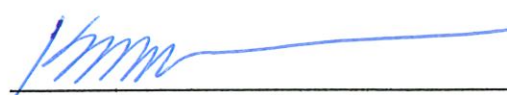
ENDORSEMENT OF THE WARRANT

The Commission endorsed Warrant no. 2024-36.

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. Mr. Mott 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. He further announced that the Commission would not reconvene in regular session after the conclusion of the executive session. The Commission entered executive session at 3:14 pm.

certification: _____


Kristen Reimann, Secretary