



Martha's Vineyard Land Bank Commission

MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
MEETING OF AUGUST 12, 2024

via remote technology

CALL TO ORDER: 3:00 pm

LAND BANK COMMISSIONERS PRESENT AT CALL TO ORDER

Steven Ewing, Frederick Khedouri, 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, Julie Russell

OTHERS PRESENT DURING THE SESSION

Addison Antonoff (*Vineyard Gazette*), Philip Cordella

PRESENTATION OF THE WARRANT

Warrant no. 2025-08 was made available for the Commission's inspection.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Hearing no proposed additions, Ms. Weaver declared the agenda approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JULY 22, 2024

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

COUNTY AND LAND BANK COMMISSION TREASURERS' REPORTS

None

TRANSFER FEE REVENUES

Revenues for the week ending July 26, 2024: \$121,080.24
Revenues for the week ending August 2, 2024: \$177,500.00
Revenues for the week ending August 9, 2024: \$338,639.90

NEW BUSINESS

1. Agency Land Management: Farmland Leasing

The Commission discussed the two agricultural leases that are due to expire at the end of the year: (1.) Brian Cioffi at the Blue Barque Preserve; and (2.) Fred Fisher III at the Little Field Preserve. Each is eligible for extension through 2028 and Mr. Kisiel recommended doing so. After discussion and by a motion made and seconded, the Commission voted unanimously in a roll call vote to so extend each.

2. Agency Administration: Personnel and Staffing

The Commission discussed its ecology assistant position, currently occupied by Bryn Willingham. The job was designed to be rotating — each 24-month period a new assistant would be hired — but Ms. Russell stated that Ms. Willingham's performance is such that she recommends that the Commission suspend the rotation: prior to her current position Ms. Willingham held many others within the agency, which has given her invaluable experience in many management realms that aids productivity. Ms. Russell noted that she believes that when/if Ms. Willingham resigns, the rotation should resume.

After discussion and by a motion made and seconded, the Commission voted unanimously in a roll call vote to accept Ms. Russell's recommendation.

PUBLIC INPUT

None

ENDORSEMENT OF THE WARRANT

The Commission endorsed Warrant no. 2025-08.

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. Ms. Weaver 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 3:10 pm.

certification: 
Kristen Reimann, Secretary