



Martha's Vineyard Land Bank Commission

MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
MEETING OF MARCH 28, 2022

via remote technology

CALL TO ORDER: 3:00 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

Rhiannon Henderson, Harrison Kisiel, James Lengyel, Julie Russell, William Veno

OTHERS PRESENT DURING THE SESSION

Sharon Cooke, Philip Cordella

PRESENTATION OF THE WARRANT

Warrant no. 2022-36 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 MARCH 14, 2022

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 March 18, 2022: \$244,771.12

Revenues for the week ending March 25, 2022: \$318,900.00

NEW BUSINESS

1. Agency Land Management: Dogs

Per its March 7, 2022 vote, the Commission reviewed a draft statement of "dog etiquette" for posting on the land bank website, prepared by Mrs. Goff and the staff.

Ms. Russell reported that the statement, owing to its size, was indeed suited to posting on the website but not so for trail-environs signs; staff is working on much terser language for the latter, which would also include whatever existing policy is in effect for each property as defined in each's management plan.

Commissioners discussed their reactions to the details of the statement, for the benefit of staff in planning the next step. Staff will do so and return at a future meeting with an updated concept.

2. Edgartown Trail Planning

The Commission discussed the town's contemplated installation of a trail in the portion of the Swimming Place Path ancient way that is located between the Road to the Plains and the Herring Creek Road. Trail planner William Veno solicited a bid from Vineyard Land Surveying and Engineering for surveying and staking the various property corners and lines; it, dated March 20, 2022, proposes a price of \$3000 - \$5000.

Commissioners variously discussed (1.) the value of keeping ancient ways from disappearing; (2.) the particular proponent for the plan, which is the Edgartown Planning Board; (3.) the planned surface — compacted gravel — which would allow bicycles but is also pervious; (4.) whether such a path would be intrusive in the neighborhood; and (5.) the reactions of the abutters who have already commented: positive.

After discussion and by a motion made and seconded, the Commission voted unanimously in a roll call vote (1.) to authorize the expenditure, contingent on the town meeting's approval of the project; and (2.) to ask Mr. Veno to so inform the town so that voters at the town meeting can be aware of the land bank's support.

3. Chappy Point Beach (Town of Edgartown)

Mr. Ewing reported that he and Mr. Kisiel and representatives of the Martha's Vineyard Shellfish Group (MVSG) had recently site-visited the shellfish hatchery located on this property; the Commission most recently discussed

this matter at its January 10, 2022 meeting.

He and Mr. Kisiel stated their observations: (1.) the location is uniquely useful to the MVSG; (2.) MVSG is apt to discontinue paying for (expensive) flood insurance in the absence of certainty that coastal regulations would permit reconstruction; (3.) MVSG is preparing a plan, for land bank review, that may include replacing the structure, which is old and rather rude; and (4.) MVSG is making progress on the punch-list of structural improvements stipulated in its January 1, 2020 lease with the land bank.

The Commission took no action, pending receipt of the plan.

PUBLIC INPUT

1. Agency Land Management: Dogs

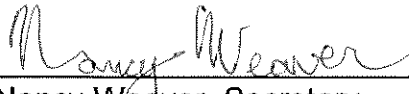
Philip Cordella spoke to the value of educating dog owners as to the protocols for using land bank lands.

ENDORSEMENT OF THE WARRANT

The Commission endorsed Warrant no. 2022-36.

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. 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 3:43 pm.

certification: 
Nancy Weaver, Secretary