



Martha's Vineyard Land Bank Commission

MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
MEETING OF APRIL 18, 2022

via remote technology

CALL TO ORDER: 3:00 pm

LAND BANK COMMISSIONERS PRESENT AT CALL TO ORDER

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

LAND BANK COMMISSIONERS ABSENT AT CALL TO ORDER

Steven Ewing

STAFF PRESENT AT CALL TO ORDER

Harrison Kiesel, James Lengyel, Julie Russell

OTHERS PRESENT DURING THE SESSION

Tatia Bauer, Sharon Cooke, Philip Cordella, Jeffrey DuBard, John Flender, Maria McFarland, Sheila Morse, David Small, Laura Wainwright and others

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF APRIL 11, 2022

By a motion made and seconded, the Commission voted unanimously in a roll call vote to approve the minutes as written.

NEW BUSINESS

The following members of the West Tisbury Town Advisory Board were present for the following discussion: David Bouck, Leah Smith, Andrew Woodruff.

1. James Pond Preserve (Town of West Tisbury)

The Commission reviewed a draft of this property's management plan, prepared by staff.

Ms. Russell summarized the draft's contents. Commissioners and Board members questioned, variously, aspects of the plan relating to (1.) kayak

access to the pond, plus the portaging that will be necessary; (2.) the reservation system for the trailhead; (3.) the total number of visitors to be allowed on the property at any one time; (4.) hours when the preserve is to be open; (5.) the number of slots in the trailhead, and the number of those reserved for universal access; (6.) how to manage a preserve that is open to the general public while abutting a town beach that is open, during the day, only to town residents; (7.) the proposal to offer reservations on a day-long, rather than part-day, basis; (8.) the dog policy; (9.) utilizing a dune crossing that can be adjusted at the dune naturally shifts, plus the crossing's aesthetics; (10.) hunting, specifically duck hunting; and (11.) swimming, both in the sound and in the pond.

It was agreed that Ms. Russell would amend the draft so as (1.) to clarify the dates when dogs would be allowed and when they would be prohibited; and (2.) to correct typographical errors, which Commissioners and Board members will individually call in. Mrs. Goff polled Board members as to whether any wished to see any other corrections; none did. She likewise polled Commissioners; none.

After discussion and by a motion made and seconded, the Commission voted unanimously in a roll call to approve the draft, as amended. It was agreed that the Board would conduct a public hearing on May 11, 2022 at 5:00 pm to take comment on the plan.

PUBLIC INPUT

1. James Pond Preserve (Town of West Tisbury)

David Small spoke to the proposed dog policy; hours; and marking of the swimming area. Maria McFarland spoke to review of the draft by the town's Conservation Commissioners. Jeffrey DuBard spoke to the dog policy; and the possibility of offering electric chargers in the trailhead. Laura Wainwright spoke to the hunting policy. Philip Cordella addressed the reservation policy.

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 4:22 pm.

certification:



Nancy Weaver, Secretary