



Martha's Vineyard Land Bank Commission

MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
MEETING OF FEBRUARY 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

LAND BANK COMMISSIONERS ABSENT AT CALL TO ORDER

Peter Wells

STAFF PRESENT AT CALL TO ORDER

Cynthia Krauss, James Lengyel, Julie Russell, William Veno

OTHERS PRESENT DURING THE SESSION

Prudence Burt, Philip Cordella, Anthony Cordray, Ebba Hierta, Edward Sussman

PRESENTATION OF THE WARRANT

Warrant no. 2022-33 was made available for the Commission's inspection.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Hearing no proposed additions, Mrs. Goff declared the agenda approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 14, 2022

After discussion and 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

Commissioner Peter Wells joined the meeting at this time.

TRANSFER FEE REVENUES

Revenues for the week ending February 18, 2022: \$473,854.84

Revenues for the week ending February 25, 2022: \$152,570.00

NEW BUSINESS

1. Agency Administration: Personnel and Staffing

The Commission reviewed draft revised job descriptions, prepared by staff, for its wildlife biology intern and wildlife biology assistant positions; this subject was most recently considered at the Commission's December 20, 2021 meeting. Commissioners also reviewed a February 28, 2022 chart containing a draft revised remuneration schedule for hourly employees, likewise prepared by staff.

After discussion and by a motion made and seconded, the Commission voted unanimously in a roll call vote to approve, on a first-reading basis, the job descriptions and remuneration schedule, subject to a textual refinement that Mr. Mott will share with Mr. Lengyel. A second-reading will take place at a future meeting.

Ms. Russell reported that she had conducted interviews for the intern position and recommended that Rhiannon Henderson be hired. Ms. Russell outlined her qualifications — major in animal husbandry and minor in wildlife biology, which covers both aspects of the job — and noted that she already has health insurance; as a result, she recommended that Ms. Henderson be placed on step 3 of hourly scale *b*, which is \$19.00 per hour.

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

PUBLIC INPUT

1. Agency Land Management: Dogs

Ebba Hierta spoke to "out-of-control dogs" on land bank lands.

Philip Cordella spoke to his willingness to speak to other dog owners about this subject.

Prudence Burt spoke to the ease of enforcement that would exist if the land bank were to join with the island's other conservation groups in having a uniform policy island-wide requiring dogs, when they are allowed on conserved properties, to be leashed.

Anthony Cordray identified himself as the West Tisbury animal control

officers and reported that he has been receiving complaints.

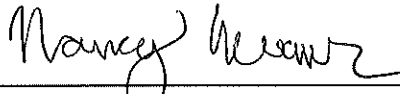
Mrs. Goff stated that this subject would be placed on the Commission's next agenda under New Business, for Commissioners' consideration and debate.

ENDORSEMENT OF THE WARRANT

The Commission endorsed Warrant no. 2022-33.

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 3:33 pm.

certification: 
Nancy Weaver, Secretary