

Martha's Vineyard Land Bank Commission

MINUTES REGULAR SESSION MEETING OF MARCH 14, 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

Harrison Kisiel, James Lengyel

OTHERS PRESENT DURING THE SESSION

Philip Cordella

TRANSFER FEE REVENUES

Revenues for the week ending March 11, 2022: \$235,118.00

PRESENTATION OF THE WARRANT

Warrant no. 2022-35 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 MARCH 7, 2022

Hearing no proposed amendments, Mrs. Goff declared the minutes approved as written.

COUNTY AND LAND BANK COMMISSION TREASURERS' REPORTS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Agency Land Management: Trail Construction Standards

Mrs. Goff reported on her observations of trail wear and stated that she believes that the "ideal surface is woodchips." She recommended that Mr. Kisiel select one trail per month to be so chipped.

Discussion took place as to (1.) the value of canopy in intercepting rainfall, as woodchips on unshaded trails can float off in storms; (2.) the importance of chip size — shredded chips are not a good option — and whether the land bank chips enough trees to meet its needs; (3.) the risks associated with "imported" chips, e.g., hitchhikers; and (4.) whether trail construction standards should be drafted, perhaps in concert with like island conservation organizations.

After discussion, the Commission agreed that the staff should complete one such project per month between March and December and, in December, inform Commissioners of what has been accomplished so that they can sitevisit and evaluate the results.

PUBLIC INPUT

None

ENDORSEMENT OF THE WARRANT

The Commission endorsed Warrant no. 2022-35.

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 3:27 pm.

certification:

Nancy Weaver, Secretary