

Martha's Vineyard Land Bank Commission

MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
MEETING OF AUGUST 29, 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

Janette Andrews, Harrison Kisiel, James Lengyel

OTHERS PRESENT DURING THE SESSION

Jefrey DuBard, Sharon Cooke, Philip Cordella, Aidan Pollard (*Vineyard Gazette*), Eunki Seonwoo (*Martha's Vineyard Times*)

PRESENTATION OF THE WARRANT

Warrant no. 2023-10 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 AUGUST 18, 2022

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

COUNTY AND LAND BANK COMMISSION TREASURERS' REPORTS

None

TRANSFER FEE REVENUES

Revenues for the week ending August 19, 2022: \$151,340.55

Revenues for the week ending August 26, 2022: \$229,835.00

TRANSFER FEE HEARINGS

1. Sherry-Gay Sibley (Town of Tisbury)

The Commission conducted a hearing on the interest and penalty associated with the extinguishment of this "m" exemption (transfer no. 62021). Mrs. Goff opened the hearing at 3:02 pm.

Staff reported that the exemption is being vacated because of a marital separation. Interest totals \$3,004.20 and penalty totals \$2,800.00. Mrs. Goff closed the hearing at 3:05 pm.

After discussion and by a motion made and seconded, the Commission voted unanimously in a roll call (1.) to waive the penalty, as there was no attempt to defeat the fee; and (2.) to waive 50% of the interest, upon a finding of extraordinary circumstances; the circumstances were extraordinary in that Ms. Sibley could not have anticipated the separation at the time of transfer.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Agency Land Management: Hunting on Land Bank Properties

Mr. Kisiel reported that the Hunting Committee, at its August 3, 2022 meeting, discussed the commonwealth's Youth Deer Hunt Day, which is scheduled for October 1, 2022. He outlined the generalities and stated that he was seeking to learn Commissioners' level of interest.

Discussion occurred as to (1.) the need to close to the general public — and therefore make all due notice — whichever properties are designated for this purpose; (2.) the importance of determining in advance how many hunters might participate, in order to tailor supply to demand; (3.) whether the event accommodates both archery and shotgun, which it does; (4.) the popularity of land bank lands for hiking in October, such that the most appropriate property(ies) should be chosen; and (5.) the expectation that the number of hunters on any particular property would be the same for this event as it is for the annual deer-shotgun weeks.

After discussion and by a motion made and seconded, the Commission voted unanimously in a roll call vote (1.) to approve, in concept, the event; and (2.) to direct staff to return, at its next meeting, with recommendations as to specifics and particulars.

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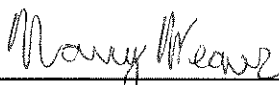
None

ENDORSEMENT OF THE WARRANT

The Commission endorsed Warrant no. 2023-10.

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 3:20 pm.

certification: 
Nancy Weaver, Secretary