



Martha's Vineyard Land Bank Commission

MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
MEETING OF DECEMBER 12, 2022

via remote technology

CALL TO ORDER: 3:00 pm

LAND BANK COMMISSIONERS PRESENT AT CALL TO ORDER

Steven Ewing, Pamela Goff, Wesley Mott, Sarah Thulin, Nancy Weaver, Peter Wells

LAND BANK COMMISSIONERS ABSENT AT CALL TO ORDER

Kristen Reimann

STAFF PRESENT AT CALL TO ORDER

Janette Andrews, James Lengyel

OTHERS PRESENT DURING THE SESSION

Philip Cordella, Thomas Humphrey (*Vineyard Gazette*)

PRESENTATION OF THE WARRANT

Warrant no. 2023-26 was made available for the Commission's inspection.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 5, 2022

By a motion made and seconded, the Commission unanimously voted 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 December 9, 2022: \$388,625.00

Commissioner Kristen Reimann joined the meeting at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Peaked Hill Reservation (Town of Chilmark)

The Commission reviewed the two proposals received for an agricultural lease of 3.0 acres here: (1.) Gabrielle and Tyler Chronister, dated November 28, 2022; and (2.) Krishana Collins, Matthew Dix and Rebecca Miller, dated November 28, 2022. This matter had been most recently discussed at the Commission's October 24, 2022 meeting.

Mss. Collins and Miller and Mr. Dix propose to continue to use 1.0 acres for flower cultivation and 2.0 acres for livestock pasturing (pigs and chickens). Mr. and Mrs. Chronister would prepare and sell firewood, woodchips and trees.

Land superintendent Harrison Kisiel joined the meeting at this time and recommended that the lease be awarded to Ms. Collins et al., the current lessees, who, he reported, are producing "good output." After discussion and by a motion made and seconded, the Commission voted unanimously in a roll call vote to enter into its standard lease with Ms. Collins et al. Commissioners agreed that Mr. and Mrs. Chronister's proposal was interesting and that Mr. Kisiel should look for opportunities elsewhere on land bank property that could fit.

2. Short Cove Preserve (Town of West Tisbury)

The Commission reviewed the four proposals received for an agricultural lease of 7.6 acres here: (1.) Rodrick Clare, dated November 29, 2022; (2.) Johanna Douglas, dated November 22, 2022; (3.) Arnold Fischer, Jr. and Eleanor Neubert, dated November 18, 2022; and (4.) John Leaf, dated November 28, 2022. This matter had been most recently discussed at the Commission's October 24, 2022 meeting.

Mr. Clare proposes to pasture goats and cows. Ms. Douglas proposes to pasture beef cattle. Mr. Fischer and Ms. Neubert propose to continue to pasture beef cattle and sheep and, as well, perhaps to hay the field. Mr. Leaf proposes crop production and beekeeping, plus the erection of a greenhouse.

Mr. Kisiel recommended Mr. Fischer and Ms. Neubert, as the current lessees, who are making use of the pasture. After discussion and by a motion made and seconded, the Commission voted unanimously in a roll call vote to enter into its standard lease with Mr. Fischer and Ms. Neubert. Mr. Kisiel stated that, as with the earlier Peaked Hill proposal, some of the other

proposals here were interesting and that he would see if he could find an alternative site for them on other land bank land.

3. Sweetened Water Preserve (Town of Edgartown)

The Commission reviewed the sole proposal received for an agricultural lease of 0.5 acres here: (1.) Simon Athearn, dated November 21, 2022. This matter had been most recently discussed at the Commission's October 24, 2022 meeting.

Mr. Kisiel recommended approval. After discussion and by a motion made and seconded, the Commission voted unanimously in a roll call vote to enter into its standard lease with Mr. Athearn.

PUBLIC INPUT

None

ENDORSEMENT OF THE WARRANT

The Commission endorsed Warrant no. 2023-26.

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 3:09 pm.

certification: Nancy Weayer
Nancy Weayer, Secretary