



# Martha's Vineyard Land Bank Commission

MINUTES  
REGULAR SESSION  
MEETING OF MARCH 6, 2023

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 Kisiel, James Lengyel

OTHERS PRESENT DURING THE SESSION

Philip Cordella, George Edmonds, Thomas Humphrey (*Vineyard Gazette*), Robert Hurst

PRESENTATION OF THE WARRANT

Warrant no. 2023-38 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 FEBRUARY 27, 2023

By a motion made and seconded, the Commission voted in a roll call vote five 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 March 3, 2023: \$294,890.00

NEW BUSINESS

1. Caleb's Pond Preserve (Town of Edgartown)

The Commission reviewed bids received for the installation of a driveway and trailhead here, listed in ascending order by price: (1.) \$35,000, John Keene Excavation, Inc.; and (2.) \$124,430, White-Lynch Brothers.

Discussion occurred as to (1.) the range between the bids; (2.) the invitation-for-bids that was uniformly distributed to all who requested it; and (3.) the budget for this project.

After discussion and by a motion made and seconded, the Commission voted unanimously in a roll call vote to award the project to John Keene Excavation, Inc., as low bidder.

2. Tisbury Meadow Preserve (Town of Tisbury)

The Commission reviewed the sole proposal received for an agricultural lease here: (1.) Johanna Douglas, dated February 23, 2023. This matter had been most recently discussed at the Commission's January 23, 2023 meeting.

Mr. Kisiel reminded Commissioners that that Ms. Douglas currently leases a portion of the Wapatequa Woods Reservation for the pasturing of swine. At Tisbury Meadow she wishes to pasture cattle, a use that Mr. Kisiel stated he believes is feasible. Ms. Weaver questioned the expected water use, which Mrs. Goff speculated would not be significant. Commissioners will be mailed the proposal and it will be placed on an upcoming agenda for discussion and review.

PUBLIC INPUT

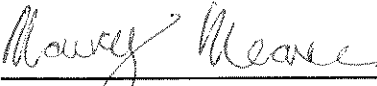
None

ENDORSEMENT OF THE WARRANT

The Commission endorsed Warrant no. 2023-38.

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 Weaver, Secretary