

Martha's Vineyard Land Bank Commission

MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
MEETING OF APRIL 10, 2023

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

Sharon Cooke, Philip Cordella, Thomas Humphrey (*Vineyard Gazette*)

PRESENTATION OF THE WARRANT

Warrant no. 2023-44 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 MARCH 27, 2023

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

COUNTY AND LAND BANK COMMISSION TREASURERS' REPORTS

None

TRANSFER FEE REVENUES

Revenues for the week ending March 31, 2023: \$134,506.25

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NEW BUSINESS

1. Agency Land Management: Research Proposal

The Commission reviewed an April 2, 2023 letter from Allison Snow of the University of Massachusetts in which she request permission for "monitoring tick abundances along sections of public trails ... and collecting nymphs of blacklegged ticks for pathogen analyses." Ecologist Julie Russell has no objections.

After discussion and by a motion made and seconded, the Commission voted unanimously in a roll call vote to approve the request, provided (1.) that all aspects the project are coordinated with Ms. Russell; and (2.) that all data are ultimately supplied to her.

2. Trade Wind Fields Preserve (Town of Oak Bluffs)

The Commission discussed its contract with Fr. Michael Nagle, its airport services coordinator here; it calls for an annual review of services. Mr. Kisiel reported that he has assessed his performance and recommends that the contract be extended for another twelve months.

After discussion and by a motion made and seconded, the Commission voted unanimously in a roll call vote to accept its land superintendent's recommendation.

3. Wompesket Preserve (Town of West Tisbury)

The Commission reviewed a draft April 10, 2023, letter prepared by staff and special counsel Lisa Goodheart and delivered to Commissioners earlier for review, informing abutter Jeffrey DuBard that the land bank will decline to enforce a deed restriction (recorded in the county courthouse at book 1629 page 130) that was recorded against the land bank's title without its knowledge. It also notes that the land bank will decline the opportunity to hold a conservation restriction over the open space, as it is satisfied with the abutting lot it owns in fee-simple.

After discussion and by a motion made and seconded, the Commission voted unanimously in a roll call vote to approve the letter, as written.

PUBLIC INPUT

None

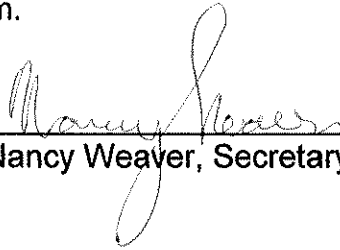
ENDORSEMENT OF THE WARRANT

The Commission endorsed Warrant no. 2023-44.

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 3:13 pm.

certification:



Nancy Weaver, Secretary