



# Martha's Vineyard Land Bank Commission

## MINUTES REGULAR SESSION MEETING OF JULY 24, 2023

40 Meetinghouse Way. Edgartown, Massachusetts

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

None

PRESENTATION OF THE WARRANT

Warrant no. 2024-04 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 JULY 10, 2023

By a motion made and seconded, the Commission voted in a roll call vote five in favor, none opposed and Mr. Mott 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 July 14, 2023: \$278,414.92

Revenues for the week ending July 21, 2023: \$314,457.52

## NEW BUSINESS

### 1. Agency Land Management: Purchase of Equipment

The Commission reviewed bids received for the purchase of a new truck to replace its 2012 F350 pickup truck, listed here in descending order by price: (1.) MHQ, \$69,627 (2023 model); (2.) Empire Ford, \$63,120 (2022 model); and (3.) Colonial Ford, \$59,980 (2022 model). Mr. Kisiel recommended Colonial Ford, as low bidder and because its truck, although not a 2023 model, has fewer than 100 miles on it.

\$65,000 was budgeted for this purpose. After discussion and by a motion made and seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to accept the low bid and, should that particular vehicle prove no longer available, to cascade down to the next lowest bid. Should the second vehicle prove unavailable the land bank will issue a fresh invitation-for-bids.

### 2. Agency Land Management: Disposal of Equipment

Mr. Kisiel reported that a single bid was received for the land bank's 2007 GMC 2500 pickup truck, declared surplus by the Commission at its June 26, 2023 meeting: (1.) Donovan Biersteker, \$100. Mr. Biersteker is a land bank summer ranger.

Mr. Kisiel pronounced the vehicle "literally worth almost nothing" and stated that it may possibly be suitable only for "parting up." He believes that extending the bid timetable, especially if conjoined with off-island advertising, would be prudent. Mrs. Reimann noted that a junkyard may make an offer.

After discussion and by a motion made and seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to proceed to seek additional bids. Mr. Kisiel will advertise off-island if he determines that doing so would be worth the expense.

### 3. Quenomica Preserve (Town of Edgartown)

The Commission reviewed bids received for re-roofing the cottage here (including replacing the roofline trim and the wooden gutter), listed here in descending order by price: (1.) Bel Islands Home Improvement LLC, \$38,670; (2.) Paul and Paul Services, \$31,244.96; and (3.) Eventide Construction, \$29,450. Mr. Kisiel recommended Eventide Construction, as low bidder.

\$35,000 was budgeted for this purpose. After discussion and by a motion made and seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to accept the staff

recommendation. Mr. Kisiel stated that he would have analyzed the project for solar suitability had he been certain that the cottage itself had a secure long-term future.

PUBLIC INPUT

None

ENDORSEMENT OF THE WARRANT

The Commission endorsed Warrant no. 2024-04.

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 3:21 pm.

certification:   
Nancy Weaver, Secretary