

Martha's Vineyard Land Bank Commission

MINUTES REGULAR SESSION MEETING OF MARCH 24, 2025

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CALL TO ORDER: 3:01 pm

LAND BANK COMMISSIONERS PRESENT AT CALL TO ORDER

Wesley Mott, Kristen Reimann, Sarah Thulin, Nancy Weaver, Peter Wells

LAND BANK COMMISSIONERS ABSENT AT CALL TO ORDER

Steven Ewing, Frederick Khedouri

STAFF PRESENT AT CALL TO ORDER

Harrison Kiesel, James Lengyel

OTHERS PRESENT DURING THE SESSION

Addison Antonoff (*Vineyard Gazette*), Sharon Cooke, Philip Cordella

PRESENTATION OF THE WARRANT

Warrant no. 2025-42 was made available for the Commission's inspection.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Hearing no proposed additions, Mr. Mott declared the agenda approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MARCH 10, 2025

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

COUNTY AND LAND BANK COMMISSION TREASURERS' REPORTS

None

TRANSFER FEE REVENUES

Revenues for the week ending March 14, 2025: \$ 162,660.00

Revenues for the week ending March 21, 2025: \$88,365.00

NEW BUSINESS

1. Agency Land Management: Purchase of Equipment

Mr. Kisiel stated that he believed that the agency should purchase a hydraulic post-pounder, which he noted would be especially useful at properties such as the Squibnocket Pond Reservation. He reported that the budget contains a \$7,500 allocation for a mini-stump grinder, which he recommended be foregone in favor of the post-pounder. He supplied the following bids, arrayed in descending order by price: (1.) stoutbuckets.com, \$7,649; (2.) skidsteersdirect.com, \$7,500; and (3.) idigTX.com, \$7,099.40. All prices include shipping. He recommended the low bid.

After discussion and by a motion made and seconded, the Commission voted unanimously in a roll call vote to accept the staff recommendations.

Commissioner Steven Ewing joined the meeting during the following discussion.

2. Agency Policy: Personnel and Staffing

The Commission reviewed a revised remuneration schedule, prepared by staff, for summer rangers and the summer ranger manager. The per-hour range would be \$18 - \$21 for the former and \$21.75 - \$24.25 for the latter.

Emphasizing that the land bank needs to remain competitive in the labor market, Mr. Kisiel reported that he drafted the revision after having studied like positions on the Vineyard and on Cape Cod. Considerable discussion took place as to details.

After discussion and by a motion made and seconded, the Commission voted unanimously in a roll call vote (1.) to adopt the new schedule; and (2.) to so amend the policy.

PUBLIC INPUT

None

ENDORSEMENT OF THE WARRANT

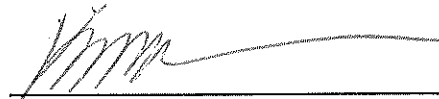
The Commission endorsed Warrant no. 2025-42.

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. Mr. Mott 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. He 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:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Reimann', written over a horizontal line.

Kristen Reimann, Secretary