

Martha's Vineyard Land Bank Commission

MINUTES REGULAR SESSION MEETING OF JULY 21, 2025

via remote technology

CALL TO ORDER: 3:00 pm

LAND BANK COMMISSIONERS PRESENT AT CALL TO ORDER

Steven Ewing, Frederick Khedouri, 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

Winston Bell, James Lengyel

OTHERS PRESENT DURING THE SESSION

Addison Antonoff (*Vineyard Gazette*), Philip Cordella, James Graham

PRESENTATION OF THE WARRANT

Warrant no. 2026-03 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 JULY 14, 2025

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 July 18, 2025: \$156,206.00

NEW BUSINESS

1. Agency Land Management: Purchase of Equipment

The Commission reviewed quotes for the purchase of a water tank trailer for the livestock grazing program, arrayed in descending order by price: (1.) Honda MWT-0501-2MHD, Vermont craigslist, \$15,595; (2.) Chute Help, NRSWorld, \$12,699.99; and (3.) Multiquip WT5HP, TMS Equipment Services, \$11,225. \$15,000 has been budgeted for this purpose.

Mr. Bell recommended the Chute Help quote. It is not the lowest price but this particular item is more durable than the others — its composition is entirely metal, with no plastic — and its capacity is suitable. He noted that this purchase, like that of the all-terrain vehicle authorized on June 23, will help keep heavy equipment off the institution's grasslands; with this trailer he will park in a trailhead or on a trail and run a hose to the animals.

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

PUBLIC INPUT

1. Agency Administration: Public Input

Addison Antonoff (*Vineyard Gazette*) interviewed Mr. Bell about the livestock grazing program and the current cattle herd.


ENDORSEMENT OF THE WARRANT

The Commission endorsed Warrant no. 2026-03.

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 3:12 pm.

certification:


Kristen Reimann, Secretary