

**Dukes County Commission (DCC)**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, December 1, 2021**  
**4:00 PM**  
*REMOTE PARTICIPATION ONLY*

**Dukes County Commissioners Present:** Christine Todd – Chair; John Cahill – Vice Chair, R. Peter Wharton, Keith Chatinover, Don Leopold, Tristan Israel, Leon Brathwaite \*,

**Other County Officials Present:** Martina Thornton – Dukes County Manager, , Paulo DeOliveira – Register of Deeds, Ann Metcalf – County Treasurer

**Others Present:** Vineyard Power – Richard Andre, Eric Peckar; Lucas Thors – MV Times

**Christine Todd called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM.**

Minutes –

**Don/ Keith moved to approve minutes from 11-10-2021 and 11-18-2021. So voted. Tristan abstained from 11-18-2021, approved 11-10-2021, John Cahill – yes, R. Peter Wharton - yes, Don Leopold – yes, Keith Chatinover -yes, Christine Todd - yes. Motion carries.**

\*Leon joined the meeting.

Vineyard Power Presentation – Richard Andre and Eric Peckar (see on file)

Richard showed a slide deck related to development of wind farms off of the coast of East coast of USA including of the coast of MA and RI. Vineyard Wind was also awarded as part of the big development. There will be a operations center in Vineyard Haven harbor and at the Airport for Vineyard Wind, invest in excess of \$20M and committing to employ local work force. There will be at least 50 job opportunities. In the first several years Martha's Vineyard will receive \$7.5M for projects to improve island resiliency through solar & battery storage and micro-grids and provide low-income rate payers benefits (reduced rate) and to leverage funding for projects to be more financially self-sustaining. They asked for County to appoint someone to an advisory committee that will be deciding about what projects to fund. The Commissioners will appoint someone at their next meeting.

Cape Pogue DCPC (District of Critical Planning Concern) Advisory Committee – County appointment – we advertised and there were no applicants.

**John/Don moved to appoint Keith as our representative. So voted. Leon Brathwaite – yes, Tristan Israel - yes, John Cahill – yes, R. Peter Wharton - yes, Don Leopold – yes, Keith Chatinover -abstained, Christine Todd - yes. Motion carries.**

Regional Programs Warrant Articles - Martina introduced all the requests and budgets as received by the county. Requests with budgets (on file). Discussion followed about the process and the new request from the Substance Use Disorder Coalition (MV Community Services).

The commissioners want to clarify our role in the process and prepare to better explain the County role.

**Don/Leon oved to support the SUD Coalition request from MV Community Services and act as a fiscal agent should the CAB agree to bring it forth to the towns.** Discussion followed. Tristan wanted to make sure that the discussion with CAB happens that “we are asked to do more for nothing”. Don suggested to create a presentation to the towns. Leon asked Ann to figure out what would be the overhead on this new program. Call to vote. **John Cahill – yes, R. Peter Wharton - yes, Don Leopold – yes, Keith Chatinover -yes, Tristan Israel – yes, Leon Brathwaite – yes, Christine Todd – yes. Motion carries.**

Emergency management coordinator – discussion followed, given the reaction of the CAB members on the Steering Committee suggesting that this is a operating cost and therefor worthy of continued funding that should be included in annual budgets, it was agreed to have CAB review the request and decide if it is worth bringing forward to the towns.

Manager’s Report – on file

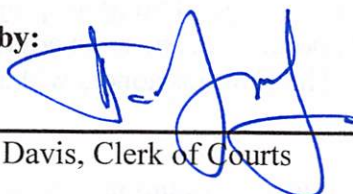
ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) administrative and procedural decisions – will be discussed at the next meeting.

Calendar: Dukes County Commissioners Meeting 12-15-2021 at 4:00PM

**Leon/Peter made a motion to adjourn the meeting. So voted. John Cahill – yes, R. Peter Wharton - yes, Don Leopold – yes, Keith Chatinover -yes, Leon Brathwaite – yes, Christine Todd - yes. Motion carries.**

**The Dukes County Commission meeting was adjourned at 5:37 PM.  
The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday, December 15, 2021 at 4:00PM.**

Certified by:



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T. George Davis, Clerk of Courts

**Documents presented at the meeting and part of the official record:**

- Meeting Agenda
- Vineyard Power Presentation
- FY2023 Regional program assessment spreadsheet, budgets and narratives:
  - Vineyard Health Care Access Program
  - Dukes County Social Services
  - MV Community Services - First Stop, CORE, Healthy Aging MV, SUD Coalition Coordinator
  - MV Center for Living

- Harbor Homes – Homelessness Prevention
- Emergency Management Coordinator expense projection sheet
  - Manager's Report
  - ARPA recommendations from County Manager
  - ARPA list of recommendations with vote from Steering Committee
  - Powers & Sullivan ARPA engagement letter