

Dukes County Commission (DCC)
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 10, 2021
4:00 PM

REMOTE PARTICIPATION ONLY

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

Other County Officials Present: Martina Thornton – Dukes County Manager, Paulo DeOliveira – Register of Deeds, Bruce Montrose – Veterans Services Officer, Ann Metcalf – County Treasurer; Airport Commissioners: Richard Knabel, Robert Rosenbaum

Others Present: Bob Johnston – Vineyard Futureworks, Jason Mazar-Kelly – Edgartown Affordable Housing Committee, David Vigneault – Director of DC Regional Housing Authority, Marina Lent – Chilmark Board of Health, Dan Doyle – MV Commission, Bob Johnston, Louisa Hufstader - Vineyard Gazette, Rich Saltzberg – MV Times, Dr. Lorna Andrade, Paddy Moore

Christine Todd called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM.

Minutes

John/Keith moved to approve minutes from 10-20-2021. So voted. Keith Chatinover -yes, R. Peter Wharton - yes, John Cahill – yes, Leon Brathwaite -yes, Don Leopold – yes, Christine Todd - yes. Motion carries.

Appointment of Jason Mazar-Kelly as Edgartown Representative to the Dukes County Regional Housing Authority Board

Leon/ John moved to appoint Jason Mazar-Kelly to the DCRHA until February 28, 2023. Jason introduced himself to the board. So voted. Keith Chatinover -yes, R. Peter Wharton - yes, John Cahill – yes, Leon Brathwaite -yes, Don Leopold – yes, Christine Todd - yes. Motion carries.

Contact Tracing Agreement with Boards of Health for Dukes County – Marina Lent

Marina explained the history of contact tracing on Martha's Vineyard and the continued need and the opportunity for state funding to continue to do so and for the County to be the fiscal agent. Martina explained

Keith /Leon moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the County and the Islands' Boards of Health to be the fiscal agent for the contact tracing grant as presented in the MOU conditioned on receiving Nantucket letter that they are no longer interested to be the lead agency and fiscal agent and participate in the grant. So voted. Keith Chatinover -yes, R. Peter Wharton - yes, John Cahill – yes, Leon Brathwaite - yes, Don Leopold – yes, Christine Todd - yes. Motion carries.

Cape Pogue DCPC (District of Critical Planning Concern) Advisory Committee – County appointment – discussion followed, it was agreed that the position will be advertised and revisit this at the next meeting.

MV Commission presentation – Hazard Mitigation Plan, Community Wildfire Protection Plan – presentation by Dan Doyle

Dan made a presentation on the Hazard Mitigation Plan (on file). He showed an example of the State beach in 2050 and 2070 projections of flooding. He went over the recommendations that were part of the Plan specifically relative to the County. Discussion followed.

Dan made a presentation on the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (on file). Discussion followed. Commissioners asked Manager to send letter to the legislator to inquire about the legislation of the State Forrest Superintendent being allowed to live in the DCR house in State Forrest.

ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Funding Steering Committee – updates / recommendations

Don shared his presentation (on file) to give results of the Steering Committee meeting that took place yesterday. Peter and John agreed with Don's presentation. Peter said that the recommendation is to lean on the Plymouth County model of how the grant is to be administered. Christine asked all Commissioners to carefully examine all materials available to be able to effectively manage the decision on process and the award.

Manager's Report – (on file)

Leon and Peter agreed to be part of the Building Sub-committee along with Manager and Department Heads.

Commissioners agreed to pursue the legislative earmark for \$30K in the state budget for State Beach in leu of the \$30K grant that ended as proposed by the Department of Conservation and Recreation.

Correspondence: Housing bank, legislative support – Martina will send the recording of the Public Forum that took place last Saturday.

New business - Anything the Chairman did not reasonably anticipate for discussion when filing the meeting notice to be posted.

- John asked for Christine Todd to continue as Chair for the County Commissioners in the following year as he is not interested as Vice-Chair to step into the role as she is doing a great job. Discussion followed.
- Keith suggested full revision of the County Administrative Code. He and Martina will go through the Code and try to update it.

Public Comment

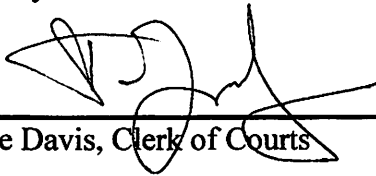
Calendar: Dukes County Commissioners Meeting 12-1-2021 at 4:00PM

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

The Dukes County Commission meeting was adjourned at 6:15 PM.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, December 1, 2021 at 4:00PM.

Certified by:



T. George Davis, Clerk of Courts

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

- Meeting Agenda
- Application of Jason Mazar-Kelly
- E-mail with request for appointment to Cape Pogue DCPC
- MOU with Board of Health re contact tracing
- MV Commission slides – Hazard Mitigation Plan, Community Wildfire Protection Plan
- ARPA update slides
- Felix Neck – bird reports for State Beach and Eastville Beach