

**Dukes County Commission (DCC)**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, April 7, 2021**  
**4:00 PM**  
*REMOTE PARTICIPATION ONLY*

- Ms. Thornton has a call scheduled with John Cahill to speak with administration and finance regarding the ARPA federal funding (the “Rescue Bill”) and how it impacts the county. Ms. Thornton has not received any information as of yet.
- Ms. Thornton is currently researching more options regarding insurance quotes.
- The County will be hosting series of public forums regarding the COVID topics. The next forum will be on April 12th, 2021, at 7 PM and will be focused on Covid -19 vigilance with the Board of Health in attendance. On April 28th, 2021, at 7 PM, there will be a forum specifically on vaccinations.

State Beach:

- Ms. Thornton updates the Commission regarding completing sand being added to State Beach before April 1st, 2021 deadline. Signage will be installed at each of the pathways at State beach with universal international symbols vs. verbiage.
- Ms. Thornton has reached out to Don and John regarding creating recommendations to DCC regarding rules and regulations for State beach for Covid safety when permitting events.
- By Little and Big bridge, kiosks are being redesigned to inform and educate the public of the ecology and the efforts to sustain the health of the bodies of water and wildlife with a plan to install it before the summer.

**6. Planning Committee update**

Mr. Leopold informs the Commission that there have been fourteen external interviews conducted already, five interviews are scheduled, and five additional interviews to be scheduled. Mr. Leopold shared that, so far, the interviews have been diverse with positive responses.

**7. Old business**

Chair Todd would like to bring attention to the Dukes County Manager's yearly review and incorporating the new holiday, Juneteeth, into her contract. Commissioners and department heads to receive the yearly review form and Vice-President Cahill and Chair Todd to review in the next four to six weeks.

There was a discussion that resulted in a consensus from the Commission that finding a candidate or firm to fill the vacant legal counsel position will be put on hold for two weeks before a decision is made.

*KEITH CHATINOVER MOVES TO APPROVE ADVERTISING FOR THE VACANT LEGAL COUSEL POSITION IN THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD TIMES AND THE VINEYARD GAZETTE. TRISTAN ISRAEL SECONDS. SO VOTED. CHATINOVER-AYE, WHARTON-AYE, LEOPOLD-NAY, BRATHWAITE-AYE, CAHILL -NAY, ISRAEL-AYE, TODD-NAY. MOTION CARRIES.*

**8. New business**

Donna Michalski, a long-time parking clerk and assistant treasurer is retiring on April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021, and Ms. Thornton would like for the Commission to thank and acknowledge her appreciated hard work.

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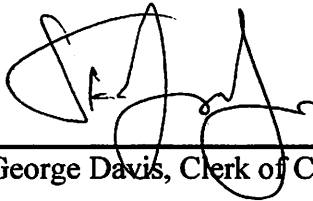
9. **Public Comment** - None.

**10. Adjournment**

*LEON BRATHWAITE MOVES TO ADJOURN THE DUKES COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING ON APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2021, AT 5:45 PM. TRISTAN ISRAEL SECONDS. SO VOTED. CHATINOVER-AYE, WHARTON-AYE, LEOPOLD-AYE, BRATHWAITE-AYE, CAHILL -AYE, ISRAEL-AYE, TODD-AYE. MOTION CARRIES.*

*The next Dukes County Commissioners Meeting is on Wednesday, May 19th, 2021, at 4:00 PM.*

**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
- Alchemy Request Letter.pdf