

**Dukes County Commission (DCC)**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, August 4, 2021**  
**4:30 PM**

*REMOTE PARTICIPATION ONLY*

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

**Other County Officials Present:** Martina Thornton – Dukes County Manager and Paulo DeOliveira – Register of Deeds, Ann Metcalf – County Treasurer, Bruce Montrose – Veterans Services Officer

**Others Present:** Eunki Seonwoo

**Christine Todd called the meeting to order at 4:32 PM.**

Minutes

**Peter/Don moved to approve minutes of 7-21-2021 DCC meeting. So voted. Peter yes, John yes, Keith yes, Don yes, Tristan yes, Christine yes, Leon -abstained. Motion carries.**

ARPA funding update

Don gave an update on the work of the ARPA Funding Steering Committee. A letter was sent to the towns to clarify what is the committee looking for as far as input. It was agreed that this letter should be sent to all department heads and commissioners as well. The Committee is looking to get the initial Letters of Inquiry from interested parties by August 30<sup>th</sup>. There was informal interest but no formal applications so far. Don and Peter had a meeting with Ann to discuss need for some general policies to set rules of how these funds will be handled. Draft policies and procedures will be proposed to DCC for vote.

Manager's Report – see document on file

Various signs were installed on State beach – “not jumping from bridge” signs and info kiosks by the Little Bridge and by Big Bridge. Discussion followed. County is not liable for injuries on the state highway and the bridges, signage is posted to prohibit people from jumping and they should not do so. Leon suggested sending another letter to Mass DOT to put it on record again that we are concerned and that we see it as their jurisdiction and urge them to do something about it, and for our representative at Joint Transportation Committee to bring it up there as well.

Old business

Housing for State Forest Superintendent – the legislation is still in committee.

**Tristan/Keith moved to send letter to the committee to urge them to act on it and move it along. Peter - yes, John - yes, Keith - yes, Don - yes, Tristan - yes, Leon - yes, Christine - yes. All in favor.**

New Business

Eastville Beach was closed due to bacteria in the water. Commissioners asked for meeting of the Eastville beach committee to see if we could update the beach management plan to see how we can improve the property.

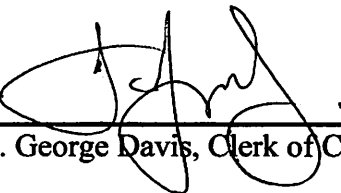
Public Comment - There were no public or press comments.

**Leon/Tristan made a motion adjourn the meeting. So voted. John Cahill aye, R. Peter Wharton aye, Tristan Israel aye, Keith Chatinover aye, Leon Brathwaite aye, Don Leopold aye and Christine Todd aye. Motion carries.**

**The Dukes County Commission meeting was adjourned at 4:56 PM.**

**The next Dukes County Commissioners Meeting is on Wednesday, August 18, 2021 at 4:30 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
- Minutes from 7-21-2021 DCC meeting
- Manager's Report 8-4-2021