

**Dukes County Commission (DCC)
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 30, 2024
4:00 PM**

Dukes County Commissioners present in person: Christine Todd, Don Leopold, Peter Wharton, Randy Milch, Tristan Israel, Juli

Staff: Paulo DeOliveira, Juliet Mulinare, Martina Thornton

Others: Kate Warner, Norm Werthwein

Christine called the meeting to order at 3:58PM

Minutes 10-16-24 & 10-23-24

Randy/Tristan moved to approve minutes of DCC meeting on 10-16-2024 & 10-23-24. So voted. Randy – yes, Peter-yes, Tristan- yes, Christine – yes. Motion carries.

Steamship Update

Christine reported there will be increase in fare to all but the excursion rate. There were a lot of conversations about service/lack of and communication. Steamship meeting will be held on the Vineyard, date and time TBD. The port council as well as Steamship Board will be in attendance to help open the lines a communication to people on the Island.

Approval process for Airport leases over 20 years

Randy reported the on the draft that was approved in yesterdays Land Use committee meeting. The airport will let the County know when they are putting out the RFP, the county has 60 days to approve the lease.

Randy/Tristan moved to approve the policy of approving the Airport's leases over 20-years. So voted. Don-yes, Randy – yes, Peter-yes, Tristan- yes, Christine – yes. Motion carries.

Cape Cod Municipal Health Group (CCMHG)

Elaine Graves would like to be appointed as an alternate

Don/Peter moved to appoint Elaine Graves as an alternate to the CCMHG. So voted. Don-yes, Randy – yes, Peter-yes, Tristan- yes, Christine – yes. Motion carries.

FY2026 Dukes County Budget

_Report on file. Martina did hear back from the DOR that the person that will look at and approve the increase in the assessment numbers will be back in the office next week.

Don/Tristan moved to approve the budget as presented. **So voted. Don-yes, Randy – yes, Peter-yes, Tristan- yes, Christine – yes. Motion carries.**

Committee Updates

- Finance Committee -Peter the FY26 approved. The balance of the ARPA committee will be reviewed and the next meeting.
- Land Use Committee – Tristan reported Martina will begin the process of creating an RFP for the upstairs of 29 Breakdown Ln.
- Legislative Committee – Christine nothing to report
- Communication Committee – Don nothing to report
- Improvements Committee – Don- 1 interview

Manager's Report- There was a deadline for the regional programs FY26 budget requests. Waiting on Harbor Homes and Community services. There have been large changes in leadership at both of these programs so Martina will keep on them to get the information needed.

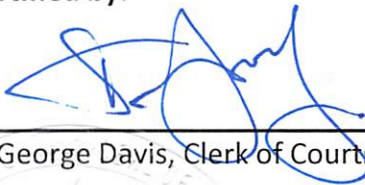
New business - none

Public Comment & Announcements

Next Dukes County Commissioners Meeting 11-13-2024 at 4:00pm

Randy/Don moved to adjourned at 4:49pm. So voted Peter- yes, Tristan- yes, Randy – yes, Don-yes, Juli- yes, Christine – yes. Motion carries.

Certified by:



T. George Davis, Clerk of Courts

