

Dukes County Commission (DCC)

**Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 21, 2024
4:00 PM
Remote participation only**

Dukes County Commissioners present: Christine Todd, Doug Ruskin, Peter Wharton, Tristan Israel

Staff: Martina Thornton, Juliet Mulinare

Others: Elizabeth Durkee, Kathleen Samways, Patrick Hickey, Sheryl Taylor, Drew Belsky

Christine called the meeting to order at 4:00PM

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) update

Balance of funds \$550,433 after the septic projects

Admin fee 5% = \$168,000

Funds must be substantially contracted by the end of 2024

The county reached out to towns for suggestions for the funds, Edgartown, Tisbury and Oak Bluffs replied with shovel ready projects.

Today was the deadline for requests for projects.

Peter/Tristan moved that today was the deadline no further requests will be entertained.

So voted. Doug – yes, Peter-yes, Tristan- yes, Christine – yes. Motion carries.

Peter would like the next fincom agenda to include finalizing the balance of ARPA funds. Tuesday 8-27-24

Then the final decision will be made at the DCC on September 18, 2024

Doug/Peter moved that the final decision will be made, the date to be determined

So voted. Doug – yes, Peter-yes, Tristan- no, Christine – yes. Motion carries.

Emergency Management

How to make an emergency manager position.

Doug & Peter suggests the towns add funds to their budgets for the emergency management position.

The towns need to be the driving force in

Kathleen Samways, the health council is in support of the position.

Peter mentioned the commission has a plan for emergency

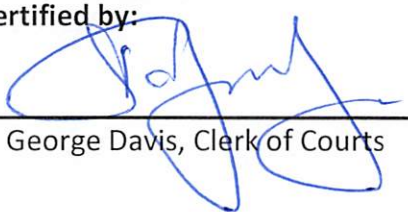
Martina mentioned the commission's plan is shelter in place.

Next DCC Meeting is on September 4, 2024 at 4pm
ARPA final decision of allocating the balance of funds

Doug/Peter moved to adjourned at 5:04 pm. So voted Doug – yes, Peter- yes, Tristan- yes,
Christine – yes. Motion carries.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:04pm.

Certified by:



T. George Davis, Clerk of Courts

