

Dukes County Commission (DCC)

**Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 16, 2024
4:00 PM
Remote participation only**

Dukes County Commissioners present: Christine Todd, Randy Milch, Don Leopold, Peter Wharton, Tristan Israel, Doug Ruskin
Staff: Martina Thornton, Paulo DeOliveira, Dan Doyle- MV Commission

Others: Ethan Genter

Christine called the meeting to order at 4:01PM

Minutes 10-2-24

**Randy/Don moved to approve minutes as amended by Doug of DCC meeting on 10-2-2024.
So voted. Randy – yes, Peter-yes, Don- Yes, Doug- yes, Tristan- yes, Christine – yes. Motion carries.**

Steamship Authority update - Jim Malkin reported

Jim was unable to attend this meeting. There was a steamship board meeting yesterday with a larger than normal public turnout. Christine & Doug attended; Christine reported: Other pricing will be raised but the excursion rate will remain the same. They will be looking at outside sources for a search committee. There will be another in person public meeting next week, Tuesday the 22nd to present the new budget and discuss proposed price increases Christine encourage all to attend.

DCR Update

Dan Doyle reported the DCR visit brought a dozen staff for their visit last week. There was a site visit in the forest, as well as a community meeting. They spoke of biodiverse planting, wildfire mitigation, shared path repaving, and use of the residence on the property for a full-time forest manager. Few commitments were made other than to improve communications, particularly via the task force with the MVC, as well as look at solutions for all issues raised.

Norton Point- After Season Report- Edgartown Parks & Recreation Department

Edgartown parks dept was not ready to present the after-season report. Hopefully, they will attend the November meeting.

Appointment to the Cape Cod Municipal Health Group

Beth Kaeka applied to be the County rep to the CCMHG

Thanks all around to Noreen for her service and to Beth for taking it on.

**Tristan/Doug moved to appoint Beth to the board of the Cape Cod Municipal Health Group
So voted. Randy – yes, Peter-yes, Don- Yes, Doug- yes, Tristan- yes, Christine – yes. Motion carries.**

Committee Updates

- Finance Committee- Peter reported that Finance Committee is looking at revenues vs expenses and the proposed FY26 budget
There are a few more adjustments to the reporting of FY24. The FY26 budget will be available to the commission on the 23rd. It will be voted on the 30th.

- Land Use Committee – Tristan reported that Randy met with the airport committee. They are finetuning the wording and will be ready for the next land use meeting.

Martina is looking to get another quote on replacing the deck at the admin building.

The Center for Living building needs a new HVAC system. There are funds available to cover cost.

The Health Care Access building will be getting sound reducing panels.

- Legislative Committee– Christine nothing to report
- Communication Committee – Doug reported meeting this Friday to review the press release for the ARPA funding
- Improvements Committee – Don nothing to report

Manager's Report – Martina (document on file)

The Inspector General came to the island to meet with town administrators on the procurement process.

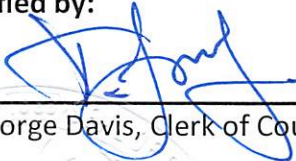
Jim Klingensmith has officially resigned from the land use and personal committees.

Public Comment & Announcements-

Next DCC Meeting is scheduled for October 23, 2024 at 4pm

Tristan/Randy moved to adjourned at 5:02pm. So voted Peter- yes, Tristan- yes, Randy – yes, Don-yes, Doug, yes, Christine – yes. Motion carries.

Certified by:



T. George Davis, Clerk of Courts

