

AGENDA
Nantucket Land Bank Commission
Regular Meeting of February 27, 2024
Land Bank Conference Room, 22 Broad Street

CALL TO ORDER: 4:00 P.M.

A. CONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

1. PUBLIC COMMENT / STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS
2. PROPERTY MANAGEMENT
 - a. Gardner Farm Tree Removal/Approval of Contract pursuant to Request for Quotes
 - b. 166 Hummock Pond Road – Building Improvements Discussion
6. CONSENT ITEMS
 - a. Warrant Authorization – Cash Disbursement
7. COMMISSIONERS ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS

B. ADJOURNMENT

Forestry Request

The forest thinning project at Unit 1 at Gardner farm (151 Hummock Pond Road) is proceeding well. The in-house work on this project must wrap up by the end of February so that staff can shift focus to other Land Bank projects. Due to weather-related delays there have been fewer work days in the forest for NLB staff than planned and as a result the thinning is not as far along as we predicted. Tree cutting work on the landscape overall should be completed before March 31 due to spring activity periods for rare species and other forest pests. Therefore, we would like to bring in a contractor to continue this work in the unit during the month of March to capitalize on the work already completed by Land Bank staff and realize the most benefit to resilience of this forest to Southern Pine Beetle infestation and forest fire risk reduction. Because of the time-sensitive nature of this work, Eleanor advised that we devise a project area that we envision to be up to \$50,000 so that it could be put out to contractors as a request for quotes rather than embarking on a formal invitation for bids process where the timeline for responses would put it outside of the idea work period. The project put out for quotes consists of the removal of approximately 250 marked pitch pine trees in 3 acres using the same methodology as already employed by Land Bank staff.