



Martha's Vineyard Land Bank Commission

MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
MEETING OF JANUARY 27, 2020

167 Main Street. Edgartown, Massachusetts

CALL TO ORDER: 2:02 pm

LAND BANK COMMISSIONERS PRESENT AT CALL TO ORDER

Pamela Goff, Richard Knight, Jr., Wesley Mott, Mary Robin Ravitch, Kristen Reimann, Sarah Thulin, Nancy Weaver

LAND BANK COMMISSIONERS ABSENT AT CALL TO ORDER

None

STAFF PRESENT AT CALL TO ORDER

James Lengyel

OTHERS PRESENT AT CALL TO ORDER (and not cited elsewhere herein)

Philip Cordella

PRESENTATION OF THE WARRANT

Warrant no. 2020-21 was made available for the Commission's inspection.

PUBLIC INPUT

1. Agency Administration: Public Record

Philip Cordella stated that recent minutes have yet to be posted on the land bank's website; Mr. Lengyel stated that they must be signed by the land bank secretary before they are posted and she was recently unavailable.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

By a motion made and seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the agenda as amended.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 13, 2020

By a motion made and seconded, the Commission voted six in favor, none opposed

and Ms. Ravitch abstaining to approve the minutes as amended.

COUNTY AND LAND BANK COMMISSION TREASURERS' REPORTS

None

TRANSFER FEE REVENUES

Revenues for the week ending January 17, 2020: \$456,197.76

Revenues for the week ending January 24, 2020: \$253,110.00

NEW BUSINESS

1. Agency Policy: Public Use of Land Bank Properties

The Commission conducted a second-reading of a draft amendment to this policy concerning agriculture and agricultural leasing; the first-reading took place at its January 13, 2020 meeting. Commissioners reviewed revised text and agreed that it should be amended to reflect that the land bank's stated openness to consider supplying site improvements would be limited to wells and fencing.

After discussion and by a motion made and seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the revised policy, as amended.

2. Southern Woodlands Reservation (Town of Oak Bluffs)

Mr. Knight reported that he recently met with land superintendent Ian Peach to plan for a new workshop and a new equipment storage shed here; he will follow up with building suppliers and convey this information to Mr. Peach and the Commission. Mrs. Reimann stated that she offered to assist Mr. Peach in site-planning and that he will soon return to the Commission with plans for preparing a site-survey.

PUBLIC INPUT

1. Agency Administration: Public Record

Philip Cordella (1.) asked about the revised agricultural policy; (2.) noted an expenditure on the warrant for hay; and (3.) wondered whether the goat barn at the Wapetequa Woods Reservation could help for the new shed for the workshop.

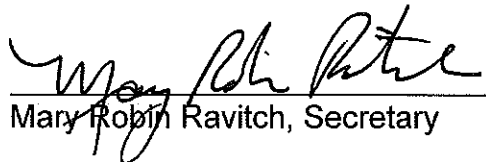
ENDORSEMENT OF THE WARRANT

The Commission endorsed Warrant no. 2020-21.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By a motion made and seconded, the Commission voted unanimously in a roll call vote to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing the purchase, lease,

exchange or value of real property. Mrs. Thulin stated that the subjects to be discussed are the purchase or value of real property and declared that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the Commission. She further announced that the Commission would not reconvene in regular session after the conclusion of the executive session. The Commission entered executive session at 2:20 pm.

certification: 
Mary Robin Ravitch, Secretary