



# Martha's Vineyard Land Bank Commission

## MINUTES REGULAR SESSION MEETING OF MAY 6, 2019

167 Main Street. Edgartown, Massachusetts

CALL TO ORDER: 2:00 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. 2019-22 was made available for the Commission's inspection.

### PUBLIC INPUT

#### 1. Agency Administration: Various

Philip Cordella stated (1.) that his attorney has informed him that pilots' addresses are not redactable, even though the land bank staff redacted them on his recent request for the identities of those individuals possessing permission-to-land slips at the Trade Wind Fields Preserve; (2.) that the Commission appears to receive little correspondence, as he seldom observes same being reviewed at Commission meetings; (3.) that plans were made at the February 5, 2019 meeting of the Oak Bluffs Town Advisory Board to put all land bank management plans on the land bank website; (4.) that he is glad that documents that are to be discussed at Commission meetings are made available at the door before the meetings; (5.) that he

expected that the installation of visitors' benches at the Trade Wind Fields Preserve, planned to be located near the intersection of the taxiway and runway, would have been completed by now; and (6.) that he expected that signs along the Trade Wind Fields trails identifying various distances likewise would have been installed by now.

Mr. Lengyel reported that the benches and signs are on the management staff worklist and are to be installed soon. Mrs. Goff reported that correspondence that would "inform the Commission" is distributed; items of a routine administrative nature are handled on the staff level. Mr. Knight inquired about the request for identifying the pilots; Mr. Cordella responded that the number of permitted pilots has increased and that he was seeking to learn "who was inviting" them so that he could advise this individual about what is allowed there.

#### APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commissioners considered whether to discuss (1.) public education about the land bank mission; and (2.) the extent to which any sub-quorum conversations between Commissioners outside a posted meeting are licit. Mr. Lengyel stated that he understood none to be licit, save social encounters; he will confer with counsel and place the subject on an upcoming agenda if he learns that his understanding is incorrect.

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

#### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF APRIL 29, 2019

By a motion made and seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the minutes as written.

#### COUNTY AND LAND BANK COMMISSION TREASURERS' REPORTS

None

#### TRANSFER FEE REVENUES

Revenues for the week ending May 3, 2019: \$134,567.00

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### 1. Tashmoo Preserve (Town of Tisbury)

The Commission reviewed a draft letter to the Tisbury selectmen, prepared by staff, regarding discussions concerning a contemplated intergovernmental agreement for the public lands located at the end of the Herring Creek Road.

Ms. Weaver asked about the timing of the review by the Town Advisory

Board of the draft. Mr. Lengyel reported that, in fashioning such pacts, the land bank first seeks agreement by the two legal signatories — in this case, the Commission and the Tisbury Board of Selectmen — and then brings it to the Town Advisory Board to learn whether additional amendments are needed.

After discussion and by a motion made and seconded, the Commission voted unanimously (1.) to approve the draft; and (2.) to direct staff to post it.

2. Agency Administration: Meeting Time

The Commission discussed when to conduct its regular meetings. The May 20 meeting will convene at 2:00 pm and meetings thereafter will take place at 3:45 pm.

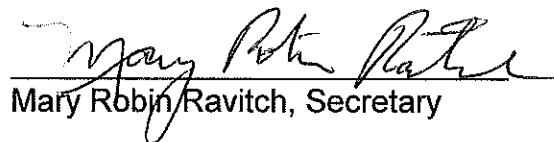
ENDORSEMENT OF THE WARRANT

The Commission endorsed Warrant no. 2019-22. Commissioners agreed (1.) to come individually to Edgartown to sign warrants when infrequent meetings would otherwise make the land bank liable to financing charges; and (2.) that staff should seek bulk discounts from local lumber and hardware retailers.

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 2:46 pm.

certification:

  
Mary Robjn/Ravitch, Secretary