

Martha's Vineyard Land Bank Commission

MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
MEETING OF AUGUST 12, 2019

11 A Street. Edgartown, Massachusetts

CALL TO ORDER: 3:45 pm

LAND BANK COMMISSIONERS PRESENT AT CALL TO ORDER

Pamela Goff, Wesley Mott, Kristen Reimann, Sarah Thulin, Nancy Weaver

LAND BANK COMMISSIONERS ABSENT AT CALL TO ORDER

Richard Knight, Jr., Mary Robin Ravitch

STAFF PRESENT AT CALL TO ORDER

James Lengyel

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

None

PRESENTATION OF THE WARRANT

Warrant no. 2020-03 was made available for the Commission's inspection.

PUBLIC INPUT

None

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

Commissioner Mary Robin Ravitch joined the meeting at this time.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JULY 22, 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 July 26, 2019: \$236,957.81

Revenues for the week ending August 2, 2019: \$344,264.42

Revenues for the week ending August 9, 2019: \$256,963.00

NEW BUSINESS

1. Agency Administration: Martha's Vineyard Commission

The Commission reviewed this year's draft contract between itself and the Martha's Vineyard Commission for trail planner William Veno, who will work for the land bank for twenty-four hours per month. The annual cost is \$17,388. Discussion occurred.

After discussion and by a motion made and seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to authorize Mrs. Thulin to execute the agreement, which she did.

2. Agency Policy: Hunting on Land Bank Properties

The Commission reviewed a draft letter to the Tisbury selectmen, prepared by staff, that asks the selectmen whether the town hunting bylaw was intended to regulate all public land in Tisbury or only those public properties owned by the town.

After discussion and by a motion made and seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to authorize and direct Mr. Lengyel to send it.

3. Chilmark Pond Preserve (Town of Chilmark)

Staff reported that the Chilmark Pond Association recently determined that the land bank, as a public institution, should hereafter be exempt from any assessments. At Mrs. Goff's suggestion, staff then sent a letter of appreciation that also noted that the land bank effectively makes an in-kind contribution, as it, *inter alia*, maintains and upgrades a dune crossing that is open to all to use. As no action was necessary, the Commission took none.

4. Pecoy Point Preserve (Town of Oak Bluffs)

The Commission reviewed notice received from the Oak Bluffs Board of Appeals of an application filed by neighbor Rhoda Nussbaum to demolish and reconstruct a single-family dwelling and garage within the flood-plain district and the shore zone of the coastal district.

After discussion and by a motion made and seconded, the Commission

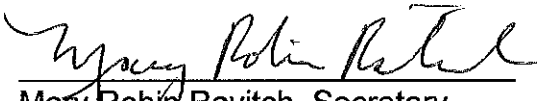
voted unanimously to make no comment.

ENDORSEMENT OF THE WARRANT

The Commission endorsed Warrant no. 2020-03.

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 4:06 pm

certification: 
Mary Robin Ravitch, Secretary