



# Martha's Vineyard Land Bank Commission

MINUTES  
REGULAR SESSION  
MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2019

167 Main Street. Edgartown, Massachusetts

CALL TO ORDER: 3:45 pm

LAND BANK COMMISSIONERS PRESENT AT CALL TO ORDER

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

LAND BANK COMMISSIONERS ABSENT AT CALL TO ORDER

Wesley Mott

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. 2020-06 was made available for the Commission's inspection.

PUBLIC INPUT

None

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 reconvene in regular session after the conclusion of the executive session. The Commission entered executive session at 3:45 pm.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION: 4:36 pm

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 26, 2019

By a motion made and seconded, the Commission voted four in favor, none opposed and Mr. Knight and Ms. Ravitch abstaining to approve the minutes as written.

COUNTY AND LAND BANK COMMISSION TREASURERS' REPORTS

None

TRANSFER FEE REVENUES

Revenues for the week ending August 30, 2019: \$242,645.80

Revenues for the week ending September 6, 2019: \$315,322.68

NEW BUSINESS

1. Agency Policy: Hunting on Land Bank Properties

The Commission conducted a second-reading of proposed amendments to this policy; the first-reading took place at its August 26, 2019 meeting.

After discussion and by a motion made and seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to so amend the policy.

2. Agency Land Management: Edgartown Trail Agreements

Staff reported that two of the land bank's trail agreements with the Edgartown selectmen — one at the Pennywise Preserve and the other at the Three Ponds Reservation — are expiring at the end of the year. The Three Ponds agreement, which allows hikers to avoid walking in the roadbed of the Old Indian Trail by instead using a path south of and parallel to it, can be renewed as is.

The Pennywise agreement contains certain trail stretches that the land bank never installed, for various reasons; Commissioners reviewed a map dated August 29, 2019, prepared by staff, illustrating same.

After discussion and by a motion made and seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to renew both agreements in their entirety, should the selectmen be willing.

3. Blue Barque Preserve (Town of Chilmark)

The Commission reviewed notice received from the Chilmark Board of Appeals of an application filed by abutter Deborah Previdi for a special permit for a dwelling on a vacant lot; the proposed house meets setback and height rules but contains 20% more living space than is allowed absent a special permit.

After discussion and by a motion made and seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to make no comment.

4. Muskoday Farm (Town of Edgartown)

The Commission continued, from its August 26, 2019 meeting, its discussion of a proposal by Michael Donaroma to install three greenhouses on this property. This was the subject of a just-concluded site-visit.

After discussion and by a motion made and seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to approve their installation, in the zone circumscribed by deer fencing that is in and abutting the location appearing as Area 3 in the August 22, 2019 staff memorandum.

ENDORSEMENT OF THE WARRANT

The Commission endorsed Warrant no. 2020-06.

ADJOURNMENT

By a motion made and seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to adjourn.  
5:04 pm

certification:

  
Mary Robin Ravitch, Secretary