

Martha's Vineyard Land Bank Commission

MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 23, 2019

167 Main Street. Edgartown, Massachusetts

CALL TO ORDER: 3:46 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. 2020-08 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 amended.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 16, 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 September 20, 2019: \$450,810.00

NEW BUSINESS

1. Three Ponds Reservation (Town of Edgartown)

The Commission reviewed a September 23, 2019 request from lessee Lillian Walter to install two 19' x 100' x 12' "high tunnels" on her leasehold, adjacent to the hoophouse. Her August 9, 2012 lease with the land bank grants to the land superintendent the authority to approve or disapprove such structures ("siting, style, quality, composition and the like"); in the meantime the land bank hired a new superintendent to whom she happens to be married and therefore this decision is now the Commission's.

Mr. Knight agreed to photograph the environs, for Commissioners' future perusal; staff will query Ms. Walter about possible siting options farther from the Chappaquiddick Road. The Commission agreed to postpone any action until its next meeting.

2. Agency Administration: Internet Presence

Mrs. Goff stated that she had been following the land bank's postings on its facebook site, overseen by fiscal officer Cynthia Krauss, and was pleased to note that they are conveying the positive message of the land bank's activities that the land bank was hoping to convey. The Commission took no action.

3. Agency Administration: Meeting Time

Ms. Ravitch stated that the change of season will soon make it impossible for her to attend meetings, given the falling of light at earlier hours. The Commission discussed various alternatives and were mindful of convenience for the public. After discussion, Commissioners agreed that, on an experimental basis, they would return to an off-season meeting time of 2:00 pm and assess the results.

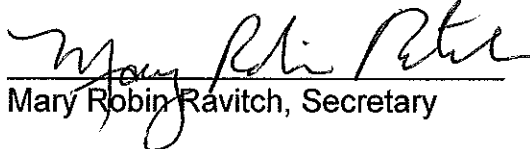
ENDORSEMENT OF THE WARRANT

The Commission endorsed Warrant no. 2020-08.

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 4:07 pm.

certification: 
Mary Robin Ravitch, Secretary