

Martha's Vineyard Land Bank Commission

MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2019

Chappaquiddick Community Center. Edgartown, Massachusetts

CALL TO ORDER: 4:00 pm

LAND BANK COMMISSIONERS PRESENT AT CALL TO ORDER

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

LAND BANK COMMISSIONERS ABSENT AT CALL TO ORDER

Mary Robin Ravitch

STAFF PRESENT AT CALL TO ORDER

James Lengyel

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

Sidney Morris

PRESENTATION OF THE WARRANT

Warrant no. 2020-09 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 23, 2019

By a motion made and seconded, the Commission voted five in favor, none opposed and Mr. Mott abstaining to approve the minutes as written.

COUNTY AND LAND BANK COMMISSION TREASURERS' REPORTS

None

TRANSFER FEE REVENUES

Revenues for the week ending September 27, 2019: \$79,160.00

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Richard Knight departed the meeting at this time in order to avoid any possible appearance of conflict-of-interest.

1. Three Ponds Reservation (Town of Edgartown)

The Commission continued, from its September 23, 2019 meeting, its discussion of a request from lessee Lillian Walter to install two "high tunnel" greenhouses on her leasehold; this was the subject of a just-concluded site-visit. Details are contained in September 23, 2019 and September 25, 2019 letters from Ms. Walter to the land bank.

Discussion occurred as to (1.) the need to balance the possible impact on scenic vistas against the practical needs of farmers; (2.) the minimizing of impact that will occur if the greenhouses are sited, as Ms. Walter has proposed, astride the existing greenhouse — especially given that they are, overall, scaled smaller than it; (3.) the use of plastic in farming; and the like.

After discussion and by a motion made and seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to approve her request.

Mr. Knight returned to the meeting at this time. Commissioner Sarah Thulin departed the meeting at this time in order to avoid any possible appearance of conflict-of-interest.

2. Little Field Preserve (Town of West Tisbury)

The Commission discussed a September 29, 2019 email from Christine Seidel, cartographer at the Martha's Vineyard Commission (MVC), in which she seeks permission to perform some practice drone flights here. She is doing so in order to refine her technique, so as to improve data-collection for the MVC and other public agencies, and will supply to the land bank any data she gathers. Section 3.3 of the land bank's *Public use of land bank properties* policy prohibits such use by the general public but does not prohibit it for research by public institutions.

After discussion and by a motion made and seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to approve her request, upon a finding that public planning will be benefitted by the technology. She will be advised to confer first with the lessee here, in order to be certain that there will be no conflict or inconvenience.

Mrs. Thulin returned to the meeting at this time.

3. Agency Administration: Cash Worksheets

As requested, staff walked Commissioners through the agency's most recent cash worksheet, in order to identify (1.) how the treasury's funds are allocated among its various bank accounts; and (2.) how cash is distributed across the six town funds and the central fund. Questions were asked, whose answers staff supplied. As no action was necessary, the Commission took none.

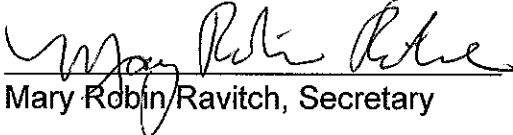
ENDORSEMENT OF THE WARRANT

The Commission endorsed Warrant no. 2020-09.

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 4:22 pm.

certification:


Mary Robin Ravitch, Secretary