

# Martha's Vineyard Land Bank Commission

MINUTES  
REGULAR SESSION  
MEETING OF OCTOBER 21, 2019

167 Main Street. Edgartown, Massachusetts

CALL TO ORDER: 2:01 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, John Krowski, Andrew Woodruff

PRESENTATION OF THE WARRANT

Warrant no. 2020-11 was made available for the Commission's inspection.

PUBLIC INPUT

1. Agency Administration: Public Comment

Philip Cordella asked why the Wapatequa Woods Reservation trailhead was located on the Stoney Hill Road, which he characterized as "impassable." Commissioners responded that the trailhead was sited there because that is where the property is located. He asked about the land bank's biannual printing of a display advertisement in the *Martha's Vineyard Times* and *Vineyard Gazette* as to its willingness to work with the Dukes County Regional Housing Authority as to cooperative acquisitions. Mr. Lengyel stated that the land bank's affordable housing policy calls for it to do so; Mr. Cordella stated that the advertisement was "very confusing."

John Krowski recommended that the land bank seek a “better headquarters” that is “more accessible” — he stated that the land bank office is “worth millions of dollars” and “is not conducive to public meetings.”

#### 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 OCTOBER 7, 2019

By a motion made and seconded, the Commission voted five in favor, none opposed and Mr. Mott 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 October 11, 2019: \$ 69,060.00

Revenues for the week ending October 18, 2019: \$752,020.00

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### 1. Agency Policy: Public Use of Land Bank Properties

The Commission continued, from its September 16, 2019 meeting, its discussion regarding the agricultural use of land bank land.

Andrew Woodruff, chairman of the West Tisbury Town Advisory Board, recommended that the land bank reorient its policy so as to emphasize what he termed “regenerative agriculture.” He supplied details.

Commissioners discussed options for encouraging more agriculture on the island; and directed staff to return with a revised draft agricultural use policy that proposes specific means for doing so. Staff will confer with Mr. Woodruff for more information.

#### ENDORSEMENT OF THE WARRANT

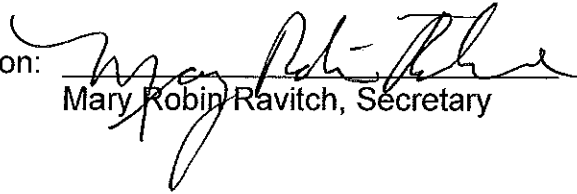
The Commission endorsed Warrant no. 2020-11.

#### 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 Commis-

sion. 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 2:36 pm.

certification:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mary Robin Ravitch", written over a horizontal line.

Mary Robin Ravitch, Secretary