



# Martha's Vineyard Land Bank Commission

## MINUTES REGULAR SESSION MEETING OF DECEMBER 2, 2019

167 Main Street. Edgartown, Massachusetts

CALL TO ORDER: 2:00 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)*

None

PRESENTATION OF THE WARRANT

Warrant no. 2020-16 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 presented.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 18, 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 November 22, 2019: \$606,532.00

Revenues for the week ending November 29, 2019: \$388,840.00

NEW BUSINESS

1. Gay Head Moraine (Town of Aquinnah)

The Commission reviewed notice received from the Aquinnah Planning Board Plan Review Committee of an application filed by abutter James san Filippo "for the siting and construction of a dwelling and associated utilities on a homestead lot."

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

*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 continued, from its October 28, 2019 meeting, its review of proposals received for an agricultural lease here. Staff reported that it has yet to find an alternative leasehold for Wagner Pereira but that Mr. Pereira has informed the staff that he would not object if the land bank were to renew its lease here with Fred Fisher III.

After discussion and by a motion made and seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to re-advertise the availability of a lease here.

*Mrs. Thulin returned to the meeting at this time.*

3. Three Ponds Reservation (Town of Edgartown)

The Commission reviewed the contents of a November 25, 2019 request from Biodiversity Works, Inc. to census winter invertebrate populations in the vicinity of Brine's Pond, for the purpose of determining the extent of food sources for the long-eared bat.

After discussion and by a motion made and seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the request, with the understanding that all data and reports will be supplied to the land bank ecologist.

4. Agency Administration: Martha's Vineyard Commission

The Commission reviewed notice received of a proposal submitted by the Tisbury Planning Board to the Martha's Vineyard Commission (MVC) to designate the Red Coat Hill Road and Shubael Weeks Road as special

ways.

After discussion and by a motion made and seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to direct staff to post a letter of support to the MVC, citing the ancient ways' historical importance; aesthetic qualities; and susceptibility to alteration if not protected.

ENDORSEMENT OF THE WARRANT

The Commission endorsed Warrant no. 2020-16.

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 2:40 pm.

certification:   
Mary Robin Ravitch, Secretary