

Martha's Vineyard Land Bank Commission

MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
MEETING OF DECEMBER 9, 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, 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)*

None

PRESENTATION OF THE WARRANT

Warrant no. 2020-17 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 DECEMBER 2, 2019

By a motion made and seconded, the Commission voted six in favor, none opposed 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 December 6, 2019: \$656,996.00

NEW BUSINESS

1. Agency Land Management: Farmland Leases

The Commission conducted its annual review of the following of its farmland leases: (1.) James Athearn at the Sweetened Water Preserve; (2.) Simon Athearn at the Norton Fields Preserve; (3.) Simon Athearn at the Peaked Hill Reservation (including a sublease to Timothy Colon); (4.) Krishana Collins at the Peaked Hill Reservation; (5.) Krishana Collins at the Tea Lane Farm (including a sublease to Joshua Scott); (6.) Johanna Douglas at the Wapatequa Woods Reservation; (7.) Arnold Fischer, Jr. at the Short Cove Preserve; and (8.) Allen Healy at the Tiasquam Valley Reservation (east and west). Having conferred with each of the lessees as to their activities in 2019, Mr. Peach recommended that all of the leases be continued. After discussion and by a motion made and seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to accept his recommendation.

Mr. Lengyel reported that one additional lease is current: (1.) Lillian Walter at the Three Ponds Reservation. In order to avoid any possible appearance of conflict-of-interest, as Mr. Peach is married to Ms. Walter, land bank planner William Veno was the staff member who conferred with Ms. Walter about her use of her leasehold. Mr. Peach departed the meeting at this time and Mr. Lengyel read aloud a December 5, 2019 email from Ms. Walter outlining her activities in 2019. After discussion and by a motion made and seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to continue this lease.

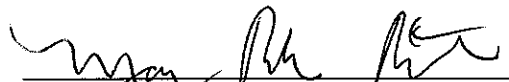
ENDORSEMENT OF THE WARRANT

The Commission endorsed Warrant no. 2020-17.

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 2:14pm.

certification:


Mary Robin Ravitch, Secretary