Martha's Vineyard Land Bank Commission

MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
MEETING OF JUNE 1, 2026

via remote technology

CALL TO ORDER: 3:00 pm

LAND BANK COMMISSIONERS PRESENT AT CALL TO ORDER
James Graham, Frederick Khedouri, Sarah Thulin, Nancy Weaver

LAND BANK COMMISSIONERS ABSENT AT CALL TO ORDER
Steven Ewing, Wesley Mott, Kristen Reimann

STAFF PRESENT AT CALL TO ORDER
Harrison Kisiel, James Lengyel, Julie Russell

OTHERS PRESENT DURING THE SESSION
Philip Cordella

PRESENTATION OF THE WARRANT
Warrant no. 2026-47 was made available for the Commission's inspection.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
Hearing no proposed additions, Ms. Weaver declared the agenda approved as presented.

Commissioner Kristen Reimann joined the meeting at this time.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MAY 18, 2026
By a motion made and seconded, the Commission voted unanimously in a roll call vote to approve the minutes as written.

TRANSFER FEE REVENUES
Revenues for the week ending May 22, 2026: $152,135.00

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Revenues for the week ending May 29, 2026: $262,300.00

NEW BUSINESS

1. Agency Land Management: Receipt of Donation

Staff reported that Mr. Graham, the new West Tisbury Commissioner, had offered to donate to the agency a Yahama outboard motor; it has been vetted by staff and is in good shape.

Mr. Kisiel outlined its features and benefits, viz., its use in installing shorebird fencing and boardwalks in remote locations. By acclamation, Mr. Graham's fellow Commissioners accepted the gift, with gratitude.

2. Poucha Pond Reservation et al. (Town of Edgartown)

The Commission reviewed (1.) a February 19, 2026 prospectus submitted by the Trustees of Reservations (TTOR) that proposes to undertake salt-marsh restoration on various Chappaquiddick properties; and (2.) a draft response letter prepared by staff. This matter had been most recently discussed at the Commission's February 24, 2025 meeting.

Commissioners variously discussed (1.) whether this project is apt to arouse controversy, which Ms. Russell characterized as unlikely given *[a]* that at this time only conservation properties are being targeted and *[b]* that the concept advances sound conservation goals; and (2.) whether this work has been successfully implemented elsewhere, in response to which Ms. Russell adduced a like TTOR project in Ipswich.

After discussion and by a motion made and seconded, the Commission voted unanimously in a roll call vote (1.) to approve the letter as drafted; (2.) to note in the land bank's cover email that the land bank is willing to cooperate but will not be allocating any funds to the project; and (3.) to grant to Ms. Russell the discretion to determine whether any specific TTOR proposals ought to be examined by the Commission, in the absence of which she would approve them.

PUBLIC INPUT

None

ENDORSEMENT OF THE WARRANT

The Commission endorsed Warrant no. 2026-47.

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. Ms. Weaver 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 3:11 pm.

certification: Steve Ewing
Steven Ewing, Secretary