



Martha's Vineyard Land Bank Commission

MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
MEETING OF AUGUST 31, 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

OTHERS PRESENT DURING THE SESSION

Philip Cordella, Haley Sandlow (*Vineyard Gazette*)

PRESENTATION OF THE WARRANT

Warrant no. 2027-09 was made available for the Commission's inspection.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Hearing no proposed additions, Ms. Weaver declared the agenda approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 24, 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 August 28, 2026: \$915,111.32

NEW BUSINESS

1. Agency Administration: Receipt of Gift

Staff reported that the land bank had received a \$100 gift from Tammy Kallman, in memory of Wayne Kallman. After discussion and by a motion made and seconded, the Commission voted unanimously in a roll call vote to accept the donation, with gratitude.

2. Waskosim's Rock Reservation (Towns of Chilmark and West Tisbury)

The Commission discussed a request from the county sheriff's office to allow its tactical response team to conduct a one-day drill here; the reservation was selected because it contains both dense woodlands and open fields. Executive director James Lengyel joined the meeting at this time.

Mr. Kisiel stated (1.) that no vehicles will be driven on the property; (2.) that no weapons will be discharged; (3.) that approximately 20 individuals will participate, some of whom will be stationed at the trailheads and the accesses into the reservation; and (4.) that all of the individuals currently serve as public safety personnel on the island.

After discussion and by a motion made and seconded, the Commission voted unanimously in a roll call vote to approve the request, as detailed by Mr. Kisiel.

PUBLIC INPUT

1. Agency Administration: Public Input

Haley Sandlow (*Vineyard Gazette*) posed questions about the public safety drill planned for the Waskosim's Rock Reservation.

Philip Cordella: "The Sea Glen Road association is requesting that the land bank continue the policy of no hunting at the portion of the property of Wapatequa Woods that runs along the area by the campground and back around and comes out on Haypath ... the land bank should be aware that the tactical response team during their drill three weeks ago had rifles drawn and five members moving as one through the field at the water department in Tisbury ... I'm concerned if the land bank knows if any ICE agents are part of this team."

ENDORSEMENT OF THE WARRANT

The Commission endorsed Warrant no. 2027-09.

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. 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 3:22 pm.

certification: 
Steven Ewing, Secretary