Martha's Vineyard Land Bank Commission

MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
MEETING OF JANUARY 9, 2012

167 Main Street. Edgartown, Massachusetts

CALL TO ORDER: 4:30 pm

LAND BANK COMMISSIONERS PRESENT AT CALL TO ORDER
Pamela Goff, Glenn Hearn, Carlos Montoya, Edith Potter, Thomas Robinson, Priscilla Sylvia, Edward Vincent, Jr.

LAND BANK COMMISSIONERS ABSENT AT CALL TO ORDER
None

STAFF PRESENT AT CALL TO ORDER
Matthew Dix, James Lengyel, Julie Russell

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NEW BUSINESS

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5. Tea Lane Farm (Town of Chilmark)

Staff reported that the town of Chilmark had recently conducted an "open-house" here in order to beat up interest among prospective farmers. The town subsequently inquired as to any limitations the land bank might be foreseeing here, with respect to leasing the land bank property surrounding the town farmstead. Mrs. Goff, whose property abuts this property, was present to answer questions about the open-house, as she had attended it.

After considerable discussion and by a motion made and seconded, the Commission voted six in favor, none opposed and Mrs. Goff abstaining (1.) to limit all leasing to the existing fields and to devote the remainder of the property to hiking (plus a trailhead); hunting; and habitat protection; (2.) to envision crops or livestock in any of the fields, plus attendant fencing, except

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that "tree farming" nursery use would not be permitted in the field abutting the Middle Road; (3.) to envision temporary/seasonal structures in any of the fields, subject to Mr. Dix's approval, except the field abutting the Middle Road; (4.) to require any permanent structures to be installed in the town's farmstead lot; (5.) to require the lessee to have a plan for all of the fields so that if any are "surplus" in any given season — as opposed to deliberately resting — the land bank can lease them to a third-party or the lessee can find a sublessee, on the theory that useful fields should not be permitted to be neglected; (6.) to require all of the fields to be mowed regularly, with the land bank management staff to perform the mowing if the farmstead occupant should fail to do so; and (7.) to commit to automatic renewal of any lease here after nine years, absent any delinquency on the lessee's part.

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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; and not to return thereafter to regular session. 5:40 pm