

## Martha's Vineyard Land Bank Commission

March 17, 2015

Chilmark Board of Selectmen Post Office Box 119 Chilmark, Massachusetts 02535

Dear selectmen,

Please count on the land bank to be willing to assist the town in its planning for commercial shellfishing access to the Chilmark Lower Pond.

The land bank would envision some sort of cooperative acquisition, where the town and the land bank identify a suitable site and enter into a purchase contract with its owner. Prior to the closing the land would be subdivided and each party would then purchase, using its own money, its allotted lot.

This model has been used many times by the land bank elsewhere on the island. Central to it, however, is the following consideration: the lot to be acquired by the land bank must have genuine conservation value.

I am available at any time to meet in executive session with you in order to examine candidate sites.

Thank you.

Yours very truly,

**Executive Director** 

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## Martha's Vineyard Land Bank Commission

February 24, 2015

Chilmark Board of Selectmen Post Office Box 119 Chilmark, Massachusetts 02535

Dear selectmen,

I am writing, at the request of the land bank commission, regarding the lot (tax parcel no. 24-110) that has been offered to the town as a gift by Charles Hotchkiss on behalf of the estate of Richard King.

The land bank would be willing to accept this donation, subject to a like vote of the Chilmark land bank advisory board. The land bank already owns four such lots in this area — the closest of which is approximately 550 feet from Mr. King's lot.

Thank you.

Yours very truly,

James Lengyel

Executive Director

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