



# Martha's Vineyard Land Bank Commission

May 13, 2011

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

Dear selectmen,

I am writing regarding Tea Lane Farm. As you know, the intermunicipal agreement between the selectmen and the land bank here calls for the creation of a unified farm plan for the entire property – both the town's and the land bank's sections.

We understand that the town is not yet prepared to create such a plan. In the meantime, the pastures are ready for use.

As a result, the Chilmark land bank advisory board has recommended that the land bank commission enter into a short-term grazing lease – to expire at the end of the 2011 growing season – of these pasturelands. The lessee would be identified via a public request-for-proposals.

We ask that you discuss this concept and let us know if you have any objections. If not, we will proceed to advertise the availability of the pastures. The town would not be involved in the lease, as only the land bank property would be used.

Thank you.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Lengyel".

James Lengyel  
Executive Director