

**MEMORANDUM
OF THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH
IN RESPECT TO THE PETITION OF MICHELLE L. BADGER (BY VOTE OF THE TOWN)
FOR LEGISLATION TO ESTABLISH A PLYMOUTH LAND BANK IN THE TOWN OF PLYMOUTH**

March 19, 2025

To: The Honorable Senate and
House of Representatives

On March 13, 2025 the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmitted the above-referenced petition to me with a request for a memorandum pursuant to the provisions of General Laws Chapter 3 § 7.

The docket before you seeks to establish a Town of Plymouth Land Bank, a body politic and corporate and a public instrumentality (hereinafter “the Land Bank”). The purpose of the Land Bank shall be “acquiring, holding, and managing land and interests” and funds for land relative to particular land use, as permitted by section 5 of the docket. The powers conferred upon the Land Bank shall be deemed to be the performance of an essential governmental function.

The docket further seeks to establish the Land Bank Commission (hereinafter “the Commission”), which shall administer the Land Bank. The docket provides the makeup for the Commission, and whom may serve and the length of each term for each Commissioner.

Special legislation is necessary to create this corporation. This office has no opinion on the merits of the proposed docket. No fee is required to be paid the Commonwealth by a corporation of this type.

Respectfully submitted,

William Francis Galvin
Secretary of the Commonwealth

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