

MEETING MINUTES

ALBANY COMMON LAND GOVERNANCE BOARD

Monday, July 26, 2010, 5:00 PM

Members present: Rob Nadler, Harry Richardson, Jack Rose, Josephine Howland, Cort Hansen.

Rob called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

Rob made a motion to accept the minutes of the 7/12 meeting. Jack noted that the airport is dated from World War II. The minutes were accepted as amended.

Jack explained the letter of support sent to the Ham Foundation by the Albany Board of Selectmen dated July 25th. The letter detailed the proposal by the TPL, the Upper Saco Valley Land Trust (USVLT) and the Town of Albany to acquire and preserve the Kennett property as a town forest and asked for the Foundation's support in this goal.

Rob updated the information of the status of the LCHIP grant request being done by TPL. He noted the need for further information on Hubbell Field. Cort is waiting for further contact with a representative of the RC flying club. Rob indicated that the only time sensitive requirements are the photos and the Hubbell information. Harry is working on the photos.

Rob explained that the USVLT stewardship may involve a \$15,000 fee. He said that this is likely negotiable.

Rob updated the board on his meeting with Dean Eastman and the current status of our Scenic Byways grant request. According to Eastman, the town may hear about a decision by this November. Forty-six states are included in this round of applications. New Hampshire typically receives \$500,000 each year, but this year could receive \$1M.

Rob reminded Harry about having a signed photo release for each photo in the LCHIP application.

Harry asked about the current budget of monies requested for the land purchase. Discussion concluded that the current requests include \$630K from Scenic Byways, \$175K from Albany, \$150K from LCHIP, \$100K from the Ham Foundation for a total of \$1,055,000. This figure includes the cost of improvements listed in the Scenic Byways application, and all fees including both TPL and USVLT.

Rob motioned to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm.

Cort Hansen,
Board Secretary.