

MEETING MINUTES

ALBANY COMMON LAND GOVERNANCE BOARD & THE ALBANY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Wednesday, March 31st, 1:00 pm.

LGB Members present: Steve Knox, Jack Rose, Rob Nadler, Harry Richardson, and Cort Hansen.

Albany Selectmen: Jack Rose, Sara Young-Knox, Joe Ferris

On Wednesday, March 31st at 1:00 pm, Steve Knox, Chairman of the Governance Board called the meeting to order. Steve made a motion to accept the minutes for the 3/19 meeting. The motion was moved, seconded and approved.

Discussion then was initiated on the draft narrative that TPL had provided for the application for the Scenic Byways Grant. Issues were raised regarding the abstract paragraph; and Harry suggested striking the word 'over' from the first sentence. The use of the word 'small' in the 3rd paragraph regarding the portion of land that would be unencumbered for use by the Town was discussed. It was agreed to leave the word 'small' in the sentence and not to specify any acreage. On the second page, first paragraph, Harry suggested revising the wording to allow revenue funds to be either returned to the general fund or reserved by the LGB for forest management and improve projects if necessary by adding the word 'initially' at the start of the sentence. On the second page, second paragraph, Rob suggested adding reference to winter recreation including XC skiing, snowshoeing, etc. On the second page, fourth paragraph, a typo was noted in the first sentence 'could will' which should be edited to 'will'.

Rob made a motion that the LGB support TPL's narrative for the Scenic Byways Grant. Jack seconded the motion and the board voted unanimously in favor.

Jack made a motion that the Albany Select Board support TPL's narrative for the Scenic Byways Grant. The motion was moved, seconded and approved unanimously.

Under other business, Steve noted that applicants to the Scenic Byways Grant will have an opportunity to make a presentation to the NH Scenic and Cultural Council on their respective grant requests on the ninth of April. Notice must be made by the 7th of April to the NH DOT. Discussion involved what should be presented. Steve felt that a Power Point presentation would be most effective. The group discussed the content of any PP presentation, map, bullet points, photos, etc. Letters of support from the WMNF District and Forest headquarters were mentioned as important support documents. Harry suggests that Greg be asked as to what format he would recommend. Harry noted that he has a copy of the original PP presentation that could be used for content for a new version with some editing.

Steve asked Jack if Peter Malia has had any questions yet regarding the P&S agreement. Jack indicated that there were none yet. Jack explained the LGB issues with the P&S agreement to the Select Board. Jack explained his interest in keeping the P&S agreement process moving along without delay.

At 1:30 pm Steve asked for a motion to go into non-public session; citing NH statute on Governmental Records and Meetings, Section RSA section 91:A and 91-A:3. The motion was moved, seconded and approved by all members present from both boards. After return from the non-public session at 1:45pm, Steve made a motion to seal the minutes of the non-public session. It was moved, seconded and approved.

Steve made a motion to adjourn, it was moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Cort Hansen,
Board Secretary.