

MEETING MINUTES

ALBANY COMMON LAND GOVERNANCE BOARD

Monday April 12th, 3:00 pm.

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

On Monday, April 12th, at 3:05 pm, Steve Knox, Chairman of the Governance Board called the meeting to order.

Steve updated the board on phone conversations he had recently had subsequent to the 4/9/10 Scenic Byways Grant committee presentation in Concord. Steve had talked with Roger Krussman of TPL regarding the application and the feedback given by the SBG committee. He told Roger that in particular the USFS representative on that committee was contradicting the focus of TPL's grant application requesting inclusion of features and details that the LG board was uncomfortable with. Krussman indicated that he would talk with the USFS representative. Krussman also indicated that the LGB should not include anything in the application that we were not comfortable with. Steve also contacted Tom Wagner, WMNF District Supervisor, who had previously written a strong letter of support in favor of the grant application. Wagner indicated that he would contact the USFS's SB committee member to reaffirm the support of the federal forest agency in favor of the request.

Steve made a motion to accept the minutes for the 4/5 meeting. The motion was moved, seconded and unanimously approved.

Discussion then began on the editing notes Harry had made subsequent to the 4/9/10 Scenic Byways Grant committee presentation in Concord addressing some of the issues raised then. Harry's notes written on the 10th were reviewed and refined to emphasize the merits of the request as a "resource protection" grant application, and not a 'byway facilities' application. Work involved the association of the Bald hill property and Tin Mountain Conservation property with a proposed trail network, defining the location of existing trails and creating a narrative of those trails, the cultural significance of the airfield site, the scenic and resource features of the property and a debate on the merits of inclusion of notes regarding a town center. After minor editing of Harry's notes, Harry intended to rework the board's comments in the evening and send the revised draft to board members the following morning 4/13/10. Once approved by the board the addendum will be sent to Roger Krussman who will then forward the copy to Dean Eastman.

Steve made a motion that the LGB approve the draft comments to be used as an addendum to TPL's grant application. Jack seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

Steve made a motion to adjourn, it was moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm.

Cort Hansen,
Board Secretary.