

MEETING MINUTES
ALBANY COMMON LAND GOVERNANCE BOARD
ALBANY TOWN HALL
Thursday, April 9, 2009, 10:00AM

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

Steve Knox opened the meeting by seeking nominations for 3 board officers, Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary. Rob Nadler nominated Steve Knox for Chairman, Harry Richardson seconded it there were no other nominations. The board voted 5-0 and Steve was elected Chairman. Cort Hansen nominated Rob Nadler as Vice-Chairman, Jack Rose seconded it, there were no other nominations. The board voted 5-0 and Rob was elected Vice-Chairman. Rob Nadler nominated Cort Hansen as Secretary Jack Rose seconded it, there were no other nominations. The board voted 5-0 and Cort was elected Secretary.

The board discussed the issue of having alternates serving on the Governance Board. Jack said that the Town attorney Peter Malia had told him that this was not possible. Discussion went on as to the advantages of having input from other community members in the planning process and having them attending meetings but serving only as a non-voting member of the board. It was agreed to have the Chairman c/c by e-mail Josephine Howland and Dick Van Dyne about future meeting dates in order to have them continue to be involved.

A discussion followed on the status of the purchase agreement on the property. At the conclusion of the meeting with the David Houghton (INRS), the Trust for Public Land (TPL) and the Albany Selectmen on 4/1 it was the impression of the board that the TPL would provide something in writing with a "few weeks". It was the opinion of the board that we should target the end of April as a goal to have a contract on the land purchase in hand. Steve is going to follow-up with David Houghton to check status of land purchase agreement.

Discussion continued on about the involvement of Senator Gregg's office and the level of assistance we can plan on from Senator Gregg.

The board talked about establishing an advisory group to assist in the planning effort and to gain more community input. Cort will follow up with Lauri Ferris ACCT president about seeking interested ACCT members input.

The topic of publication of board minutes was discussed. Cort will contact Kathy Vizard, Town AA about what file format will be required by her in order that board minutes be posted on the town's website. All members will be copied meeting minutes as well.

Steve noted that he, Jack and Sara Knox will be attending a meeting in Randolph NH on the 18th to learn more about how Randolph manages their town forest and the legislative background that created the Randolph's governance board. Steve said that State Senator Gallus would not be able to attend that meeting but he was aware of our plans on having him introduce legislation authorizing an Albany Governance Board to administer the Albany Common Land.

Lastly, the board discussed the predicted frequency of board meetings. It was felt that meeting frequency would be established once it was determined who would be the authority going forward with the Kennett Corporation with a purchase agreement and how frequently this partner/ project manager would like us to meet.

The next meeting date was established to be Monday, April 20th following the Randolph meeting.
The time is 10:00 am at the Albany Town Hall.

Cort Hansen,
Board Secretary.