

# MEETING MINUTES

## ALBANY COMMON LAND GOVERNANCE BOARD

**Friday, February 23rd, 3:00 pm.**

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

On Tuesday February 23rd at 3:00 pm, Steve Knox, Chairman of the Governance Board called the meeting to order.

Steve made a motion to accept the minutes of the 2/12/10 meeting. The motion was moved and seconded and the minutes were unanimously accepted.

Discussion began on the timber management questions. Cort reviewed notes from conversations with Don Johnson, forester, Paul Pinkham Conway Conservation Commission Chairman and others regarding the role of conservation commissions and management of public town forests. Steve reviewed his notes for Eaton's Town Forest. Both reported that the costs related to the town forests were budget neutral or budget positive.

Harry discussed issues that may arise from the Purchase and Sales agreement. In particular, if the town should accept title searches done by TPL and whether town council should review agreement. Confirm that the town's understanding of \$175,000 costs and closing fees, transfer taxes, cost of title insurance, etc. are inclusive Jack said that he would check with Peter Malia. Steve said he would contact Gregg at TPL to check on costs and that he and Jack would confer after to see if more consultation with the town council is required.

Discussion over 'fact sheet' began. Harry said 'fact sheet' should be limited to 'facts' only and should start with project history review using notes that Jack and Steve had made. Topics would include "what are carrying costs", "what are timber values", "will taxes go up because of this purchase", "potential future uses", and similar questions. A review of Commonly Asked Questions from last March's town meeting would help in writing new version.

Discussion of planning for informational meeting planned for Thursday March 4<sup>th</sup>. Notices for meeting would be distributed by newspaper advertisement, town new column, website, ACCT e-mail notice. Agenda planning included a brief overview of the project history, fact sheet presentation with map, and a question and answer session.

Other topics included; Cort was asked to get the credentials for Forester Don Johnson, was Gregg looking more information on potential land uses and Rob brought up Planning Board endorsement

Steve made a motion to adjourn, it was moved and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 5:20 pm.

Cort Hansen,  
Board Secretary.