

# MEETING MINUTES

## ALBANY COMMON LAND GOVERNANCE BOARD

**Wednesday, February 3rd, 3:00 pm.**

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

On Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3:05 pm, Steve Knox, Chairman of the Governance Board called the meeting to order.

Steve made a motion to accept the minutes of the 1/27/10 meeting. The motion was moved and seconded and the minutes were unanimously accepted.

Discussion opened with the proposed 2010 budget for the Governance Board that Harry had worked on. The proposal projected 15 meetings for the coming year due to the land acquisition and the related work. Reimbursement for members was at the standard rate of \$25 per meeting, totaling \$1875.00. Another \$1,000.00 was requested for printing, stationary, supplies and postage. The board discussed the merits of waiting to present a budget for the Board to the town voters until after the land was acquired or to present it in March. There was some concern that the budget expense would alarm some voters, while the counter position was that the voters had already approved the creation of the Governance Board, and thus would approve the added cost. A motion to accept the proposed budget was moved and seconded and the budget was approved. Jack said he would present the budget to the board of selectmen for inclusion into the town budget later that day.

Discussion next moved to the planned Albany Citizen's Coming Together (ACCT) scheduled for 7:00 pm Thursday the 4<sup>th</sup> of February. Steve expects that we will be called on to update the status of the land purchase and the pending warrant article for \$175K. The board discussed the history of the different proposals and the reasons for the varied costs over the same period.

Discussion then moved to planning for town meeting night. The importance of getting out the vote and how to best do so was talked over. Steve suggested that he would bring up the land purchase at the next Planning Board meeting with hopes of seeking and endorsement by the members of the board. It was agreed that Land Governance Board members should contact at least 12 people to get out the vote. It was noted that supporting the purchase and actually attending town meeting and voting in support were two separate issues. Most important to the land purchase was that supporters need to attend the meeting in March and vote. Harry suggested that the survey being worked on by the Planning Board for the town's Master Plan could help indicate support for a purchase such as the Kennett property.

Steve made a motion to adjourn, it was moved and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 4:10 pm.

Cort Hansen,  
Board Secretary.