

MEETING MINUTES

ALBANY COMMON LAND GOVERNANCE BOARD

Tuesday, July 19th, 2011, 4:30 pm

Members present: Rob Nadler, Jack Rose, Dick VanDyne, Cort Hansen Josephine Howland, Alternate: Steve Knox.

Public: Sean Thomas, Director of Constituent Services, Office of Rep. Frank Guinta

The Board discussed with Thomas the status of the current grant application with the Federal Highway Program; Public Lands Highway Discretionary (PLH-D) and advising him of the seller's 9/12/2011 deadline, the importance of immediate involvement. The Board was requesting a letter to the Federal DOT PLH-D administrator in support of this grant proposal. Steve asked for congressman's strong support not only with a letter, but with some form of active involvement in securing the grant for Albany. Thomas was provided with copies of the PLH-D program contact information, a 4 page campaign brochure, and a copy of Senator Shaheen's letter of support. He asked several questions about the background of the project, other municipal boards or organizations that support the project, etc. Thomas indicated that he had several options and that he would discuss this project and the PLH-D grant with another key Guinta staffer who may already know the key contacts in the DOT. He said that he would follow-up on Wednesday with the key D.C. staffer. The Board asked if Representative Guinta would like to have a tour of the property and Thomas indicated that he might be interested during the summer recess which would be coming up in August. Thomas left the meeting at approximately 5:00 pm.

Rob called the LGB meeting to order at 5:05 pm.

Rob told the Board the he had met with Tom Henderson of the Upper Saco Valley Land Trust (USVLT) on Monday 7/18. Henderson told Rob that USVLT would support the land purchase. He also told Rob that USVLT would not share their donor list. USVLT would however, approach their donors on our behalf. When the level of USVLT donor support was discussed it was mentioned by Steve that it would be advisable to go into non-public session. Josephine moved that the Board go into non-public session citing RSA 91-A:3 section II, paragraph d. Rob seconded the motion. Members Nadler, Rose, VanDyne, Howland and Hansen all voted in the affirmative, the motion passed 5-0.

Josephine made motion to leave non-public session, Rob seconded the motion. Members Nadler, Rose, VanDyne, Howland and Hansen all voted in the affirmative, the motion passed 5-0. Rob made a motion to seal the minutes of the non-public session, Josephine seconded the motion. Members Nadler, Rose, VanDyne, Howland and Hansen all voted in the affirmative, the motion passed 5-0.

Jack said that he would contact Curtis Coleman with the goal of reaching out to the Buzz and Dixie Coleman. He said he would also contact Charles Greenhaugh of Cooper, Cargill and Chant. Steve discussed the option of approaching Albany second home owners if they could be somehow identified. Steve said that he would contact the Goldman's. The Mudd family was mentioned again as a good contact source. No one volunteered to try to contact them.

The next meeting date was discussed, planning on the afternoon of Thursday, August 4th at 5:30 pm.

A motion was made to adjourn, it was moved, seconded and approved and the meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm.

Cort Hansen,
Board Secretary.