

MEETING MINUTES

ALBANY COMMON LAND GOVERNANCE BOARD

Friday, March 19th, 10:00 am.

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

On Friday, March 19th at 10:00 am, Steve Knox, Chairman of the Governance Board called the meeting to order.

Steve made a motion to accept the minutes for the 2/23 and 3/5 meetings. The motion was moved, seconded and approved.

Steve made a motion to maintain current Governance Board member positions subsequent to the 3/9 elections as prior to the election. The motion was moved, seconded and approved. (Chairman; S. Knox, Secretary; C. Hansen)

Discussion then was initiated on the status of a meeting with the Department of Revenue Administration (DRA). DRA has acknowledged that they have all the information that is required for a review of the 3/9 warrant article but they are expected to take weeks to review the results of the entire state's meetings. Once DRA has reviewed the article they will make arrangements for the meeting. Discussion involved the status and the process of a DRA review and the possible ramifications of the two RSA's 41:14-a and 36-A:4a.

Harry then asked as to the status of the documents included in the Purchase and Sales agreement including the title search. He emphasized the importance of making sure that the board monitors the business of the land transaction as their responsibility to the town of Albany. He repeated his request that any mention of any further costs (other than the Town's legal costs) need to be eliminated from the document. Peter Malia is presently reviewing the P&S, while Greg C. from TPL has Harry's notes on his issues with the P&S document. The board agreed that Peter should have a copy of Harry's notes as well.

Steve and Jack will both pursue Peter Malia and DRA to determine the viability of the P&S agreement. Harry felt that the board needs to aggressively pursue the issue instead of reacting to DRA concerns. Steve will contact Ray Burton, District 1 Executive Councilor on the matter. Jack will contact the Local Government Center at the same time. Steve will contact the Randolph Conservation Commission to see how they proceeded in their land transaction.

Steve said the application for the Scenic Byways Grant has to be complete and submitted by 4/1 at noon. Rob said that we should confirm that any easement not prohibit water extraction by the Conway Water Precinct. Steve mentioned that a potential funding source from pending legislation in Congress (Community Forest and Open Space) may offer more latitude than the Scenic Byways Grant source. Steve will confirm with TPL if they need any more assistance or information from the Board for the Scenic Byways application.

In other business, Harry suggested the LGB meeting compensation be paid quarterly. He made a motion to do so. The motion was moved, seconded and approved. Cort would provide the list of meetings and attendance to Kathy. Steve requested that Cort be responsible to contact Kathy at least 48 hours prior to LGB meetings in order that the meetings are publicly posted.

Steve made a motion to adjourn, it was moved and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 11:25 am.

Cort Hansen,
Board Secretary.