

MEETING MINUTES

ALBANY COMMON LAND GOVERNANCE BOARD

Monday, May 9th, 5:00 PM

Members present: Rob Nadler, Jack Rose, Richard Van Dyne, Cort Hansen. Absent: Josephine Howland. Public: Steve Knox.

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

Minutes of the 4/25/11 meeting were reviewed and Rob made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was moved and seconded and the minutes approved.

Rob began discussion on whether the LGB should re-apply for the 2011 round of the National Scenic Highways Grant Program (NSHGP). On Friday, April 29th, Dean Eastman from the NH DOT had informed Greg Caporossi from The Trust for Public Land that the town's 2010 NSHGP grant request had not been one of the 3 NH proposals awarded. Eastman has informed Greg that an accelerated application process will ensue for the 2011 NSHGP grant submittals. Rob said that both he and Greg have reviewed the denial of the 2010 proposal and the criteria for the 2011 applications and they both agreed that there was no point in re-applying for the 2011 round due to the very limited time allocated and the likelihood that we would be turned down once again. After discussion the board agreed. Rob asked for a motion to inform the NH DOT that Albany would not participate in the 2011 National Scenic Byways Program. Jack made the motion, it was seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Rob brought the Board up to date with his recent meeting with the Conway Village Fire District (CVFD) representatives regarding their renewed interest in the Kennett land purchase. The CVFD is currently planning on water testing in the vicinity of their current well location adjacent to the Kennett property. Pending results of these test wells, the CVFD might be interested in involvement in our purchase of the Kennett property and future water rights to the property. The CVFD had initially discussed a contribution guaranteeing the CVFD's future use and water rights. Rob felt that this was a starting point for future discussions on this matter. Rob said that the CVFD chairperson, Janice Bean told him that the CVFD has already applied for grant money toward a possible future investment in a portion of the Kennett land purchase. Rob said that Greg from TPL has already contacted both a land appraiser and a water right attorney to try and establish a value for the sale of water rights. Greg has indicated that he was told a cost value will be difficult to establish.

TPL is shortly going to be required to meet with Kennett to extend the Purchase and Sales Agreement between the parties. Carl Thibodeau Jr. of the CVFD will arrange a joint meeting with TPL, CVFD and Kennett to support express the CVFD interest in the purchase and a flexible extension of the P&S agreement.

Rob discussed other possible avenues for funding to help fill the gap left by the loss of the NSHGP money. The board wondered if the TPL could establish a fund dedicated to the Kennett land purchase and if donors would receive tax incentives for donations. The NH Charitable Foundation, Ham Foundation and the Upper Saco Land Trust were also mentioned.

Jack made a motion to adjourn the meeting, it was moved and seconded. Cort then mentioned that the Board needed to nominate a vice chairman to replace the resigned Harry Richardson since we had waited since the last meeting to have Dick Van Dyne present before voting the vice chair replacement. Jack then made a motion to revoke the last motion to adjourn, it was moved and seconded and

approved. Jack then made a motion to nominate himself as vice chairman. The motion was moved and seconded and approved. Rob made a motion to vote for replacing Harry Richardson with Jack Rose as vice chairman. The motion was moved and seconded and approved and Jack was elected vice chairman unanimously.

With no further business to discuss a motion to adjourn was made, the motion approved and the meeting ended at 5:50 pm.

Cort Hansen,
Board Secretary.