

TOWN OF GRANBY
TOWN-OWNED LAND STUDY COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
April 16, 2015

PRESENT: Margaret Lareau, John Adams, Richard McDermott, Terri-Ann Hahn and Mark Higby
(arrived at 7:24 p.m.)

OTHERS PRESENT: Mark Neumann, BOS Liaison

Acting Chairman Terri-Ann Hahn called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m.

Public Comment: None.

Review Agenda: No changes made.

Minutes

The minutes from April 2, 2015 were reviewed by the Committee. One correction was made, that being under New Business, a., with reference to the incubator farms, the sentence that reads: It seems to require a costly startup – should be removed and replaced with: A managed version of an incubator farm seems to have a costly startup.

On a MOTION by J. Adams, seconded by R. McDermott, the Committee voted unanimously (4-0-0) to approve the Minutes of April 2, 2015 with the above noted correction.

Unfinished or Tabled Business

- a.) Survey – several hard copies have been received and about 66 online surveys have been submitted. The *Drummer* has offered to put the survey in their upcoming edition. There was a brief discussion as to how the results will be tabulated – most probably by creating a spreadsheet.
- b.) List of information for upcoming public meeting – M. Higby sent out an email looking for information.
Comments made included: The size of properties that should be looked at should be further reviewed. Determine if a parcel has a right of way or is partially open space. What was the Evonsion tax bill for this property, taking into consideration the PA-490 exemption?
- c.) Matrix setup for report to Selectmen – J. Adams handed out a draft Committee Evaluation Criteria page and did a computer presentation of the information showing how the setup would work to rate items. Line by line, the chart was briefly reviewed. Some of the wording was tweaked and the number system for rating was explained. It is thought this document, once completed, would be made available as part of the final report to the Selectmen. J. Adams made the changes agreed on and will print out a fresh copy for the next meeting.

New Business

- a.) Report on P&Z meeting - T. Hahn reported she was unable to be placed on the Agenda for the May 14th meeting. She will try to attend the April 28th meeting and if she's unable to, M. Higby said he would attend. M. Lareau and K. Miller plan to attend the May 15th Conservation Commission meeting. It was suggested someone volunteer to attend the May Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission meeting. R. McDermott and M. Lareau volunteered. The idea of crossing the brook at 107 East Street and creating a secondary access might be good to discuss with IWWC. R. McDermott and M. Lareau volunteered to mark up a map with ideas for a secondary access to the property.

- b.) Review town-owned properties to become more familiar with them - This list should be expanded to include some parcels under 4 acres. T. Hahn will look at the map further to get more information on this. M. Lareau questioned the town-owned land parcels near the landfill, possibly for use for a solar farm. There was discussion about the topography and if these lots are wooded. M. Higby and M. Lareau will walk these parcels.
- c.) Site walk at 107 East Street - Although a little wet in areas, it was reported that this area is now walkable. People will walk here at their convenience.

M. Lareau brought up for discussion, several parcels of town-owned land on Loomis Street. It looks like there are possibly eight parcels of land here. She would like to walk these parcels too, at some point in time.

Set Agenda for May 7, 2015 meeting

Items to include on the Agenda are:

- Review town-owned property list
- Matrix – second round (J. Adams)
- Report: attendance at a Planning & Zoning meeting
- Reports on any properties walked

Adjournment

On a MOTION by T. Hahn, seconded by J. Adams, the Committee voted unanimously (5-0-0) to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Christian
Recording Secretary