

**TOWN OF GRANBY**  
**TOWN-OWNED LAND STUDY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**MINUTES**  
**May 21, 2015**

**PRESENT:** Mark Higby, Chairman; Terri-Ann Hahn, Mary Jo Toczydlowski, Margaret Lareau, and Richard McDermott (arrived at 7:16 p.m.)

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mark Neumann, BOS Liaison

Chairman Mark Higby called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Review Agenda:** No changes made.

**Minutes**

The minutes from May 7, 2015 were reviewed by the Committee.

On a MOTION by T. Hahn, seconded by M.J. Toczydlowski, the Committee voted unanimously (4-0-0) to approve the Minutes of May 7, 2015 as presented.

**Unfinished or Tabled Business**

- a.) Survey – Closed May 15<sup>th</sup>. Over 400 surveys were received. Trends originally seen seem to be stronger as more surveys were received. T. Hahn will finish creating a summary. This material probably won't be ready for the next meeting or the Public Meeting.
- b.) Review town-owned property list – work to narrow it down to a more manageable list. A handout list of town-owned properties and maps were given to all members. Categories were created and included: Roads, Occupied property, Neighborhood parcel, Active agriculture, Look (at further), Okay, Environment Constraints, and Abuts. The list and maps were partially reviewed and addresses were placed into categories. The rest of this list will be addressed at the next meeting. M. Lareau also provided a handout list of properties, with detail comments.
- c.) Matrix (second version) setup for report to Selectmen – J. Adams was not present at this meeting. Table to the next meeting.

**New Business**

- a.) Reports - any meetings attended – M. Lareau reported she and K. Miller attended the Conservation Commission meeting on May 12<sup>th</sup>. K. Miller provided a printed report of their findings, which M. Lareau reviewed. Both members thought the Commission would have input regarding soil matters, but they shared thoughts as to what might be done with the property. Some items included: sell the property; use for farming; use to benefit the community, with non-destructive uses; Bubble for sports, not buy a bubble but have someone lease and assume operating costs; BMX, biking, skate boarding, horse trails; and use for multiple functions. There was talk about the town subsidizing farmers (which is not the case). It was suggested to look at the Town of Granby's Plan of Conservation and Development for more information.

M. Higby provided a handout of a Quick Reference for 107 East Street (Evonsion Farm) – a list of facts and information to have at the Public Meeting on Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup>. One correction was noted.

### **Set Agenda for June 4, 2015 meeting**

Items to include on the Agenda are:

- Survey - update
- Review town-owned property list (continuation from May 21, 2015 meeting)
- Matrix – second round (J. Adams)
- Reports on any properties walked
- Approach to the Public Meeting on June 11, 2015

July meeting dates were reviewed and ON AMOTION by M. Higby, seconded by M. Lareau the Committee voted unanimously (5-0-0) to cancel the July 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting and schedule a special meeting for July 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **Adjournment**

On a MOTION by R. McDermott, seconded by T. Hahn, the Committee voted unanimously (5-0-0) to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Christian  
Recording Secretary