

TOWN OF GRANBY
TOWN-OWNED LAND STUDY COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
May 7, 2015

PRESENT: Mark Higby, Chairman; Kathryn Miller, Richard McDermott, Terri-Ann Hahn, Mary Jo Toczydowski and Margaret Lareau (arrived at 7:08 p.m.)

OTHERS PRESENT: Mark Neumann, BOS Liaison

Chairman Mark Higby called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Public Comment: None.

Review Agenda: No changes made.

Minutes

The minutes from April 16, 2015 were reviewed by the Committee. One correction was made, that being under New Business, a., the Conservation Commission meeting is scheduled for May 12th not May 15th.

On a MOTION by M. Higby, seconded by T. Hahn, the Committee voted unanimously (5-0-0) to approve the Minutes of April 16, 2015 with the above noted correction.

Unfinished or Tabled Business

- a.) Survey – estimated returned surveys at this time are: 360 online and 60+ hard copies, this is in addition to the previously received 277. T. Hahn provided a handout of a sample summary report with some of the received information tabulated, which was reviewed by the committee. A couple of comments were made about survey responses, which included a lot of “no houses” and a golf course (a 9 hole). Concerns were briefly mentioned about chemicals that might be used on a golf course and the proximity to established houses.
- b.) Review town-owned property list – expanding the list to include most all properties was discussed. Some of the land use ideas gained from the surveys may be applied to other town-owned parcels. M. Higby continues to work on a list of properties. A suggestion was made to categorize the list. Also, look at the town-owned parcels that abut protected land in town. This matter will be further discussed at the next meeting.
- c.) Matrix (second version) setup for report to Selectmen – J. Adams was not present at this meeting. Table to the next meeting.

The public meeting scheduled for June 11th was discussed. Presenting a brief overall of the information collected from the surveys and asking for new ideas might be a good way to start the meeting. M. Toczydowski commented she continues to hear people saying they don't know about this committee. She wonders how else the public can be made aware of the committee and their purpose, in particular people who don't live near the 107 East Street property. The sign for the public meeting should be put out at the East Street location about two weeks before the June 11th meeting. Notice of the meeting, posted on the Town of Granby website, was also suggested.

New Business

- a.) Report on P&Z meeting – The Agenda for the last P & Z meeting was full, therefore T. Hahn did not get the opportunity to address the Commission.
- b.) Reports on any properties walked – M. Lareau and M. Higby walked property on Old Stagecoach Road – the Transfer Station. They reported the property has lots of trees and is

very step in many places. It doesn't seem to have a SW facing exposure that would be good for a solar set up. Tilcon property abuts this parcel and it might be beneficial to speak with Tilcon to see what their long-term plans are for this area. A walk of property on Loomis Street and into 107 East Street from Harmony Hill Road is still to be done.

M. Lareau reported having spoken to Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission Chairman, David Tolli to gain information about the possibility of crossing wetlands/a stream at 107 East Street. He suggested she speak with David Askew, Technical Advisor to IWWC about this. It was suggested that before contacting him, that she speak with the Town Manager.

Set Agenda for May 21, 2015 meeting

Items to include on the Agenda are:

- Survey will close on May 15th – final information
- Review town-owned property list
- Matrix – second round (J. Adams)
- Report: attendance at any meetings
- Reports on any properties walked

Adjournment

On a MOTION by T. Hahn, seconded by R. McDermott, the Committee voted unanimously (6-0-0) to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Christian
Recording Secretary