

TOWN OF GRANBY
TOWN-OWNED LAND STUDY COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
August 27, 2015

PRESENT: Mark Higby, Chairman; Terri-Ann Hahn, Kathryn Miller, Richard McDermott, Margaret Lareau, Mary-Jo Toczydlowski, and John Adams (arrived at 7:10 p.m.),

Chairman Mark Higby called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

Public Comment: Lynn Guelzow was in attendance and asked the Committee to consider use of part of the property at 107 East Street for a small agricultural show grounds. She provided a printed handout and explained the Granby Pony Club would like to have access to a fenced ring, parking for cars, trucks and horse trailers, and a secretary's shack (w/electricity). It was noted that Holcomb Farm has a small ring, but Ms. Guelzow said it's too small for events, there's no gate, and parking isn't available.

Review Agenda: No new items were added.

Minutes

The minutes from August 20, 2015 were reviewed by the Committee. Under Unfinished Business, a., second bullet point – change the number 63 to 603.

On a MOTION by J. Adams, seconded by K. Miller, the Committee voted unanimously (7-0-0) to approve the Minutes of August 20, 2015 with the noted correction.

The Committee discussed the letter provided by Lynn Guelzow and her presentation at tonight's meeting. It was believed that her idea would include the Pony Club being responsible for maintaining the ring. This idea did come up at each of the Public Meetings. The Committee thought the Pony Club might want to revisit the use of the ring at Holcomb Farm, now that a new parking lot is there.

Unfinished or Tabled Business

- a.) Continue discussion on 129 Barndoor Hills road – presently, fishing is allowed there. It appears to be a corridor abutting Granby Land Trust property.
On a MOTION by M. Lareau, seconded by R. McDermott, the Committee voted unanimously (7-0-0) to recommend retaining this parcel as town-owned property keeping in mind the stream corridor is there.
- b.) (22a) 65R Old Beach Road, 21R Hillyer Way and 55R Canal Road – these properties were once again reviewed. Include them or not on the recommendation list? Are there any more properties to be added? Should there be an option that these three properties be purchased (or donated) by GLT or McLeans?
On a MOTION by M. Lareau, seconded by K. Miller, the Committee voted 6-1-0 (no vote T. Hahn) to leave this on the (new) list of recommendations, number 13, as is.
- c.) Parcels recommended to transfer – 13 Pratt Farm was discussed.
On a MOTION by M. Higby, seconded by J. Adams, the Committee voted unanimously (7-0-0) to move 13 Pratt Farm to number 11 on the (new) list of recommendations.

New Business

Edit – M. Higby volunteered to read and edit the completed document. He asked that when the members review the document, any errors found or corrections to be made, be emailed to him. It was made clear he will not be making any changes to the content of the document. Any changes to content will be discussed at the September 3rd meeting.

The Draft document presented at tonight's meeting was reviewed page by page. Suggested and agreed upon changes were made by T. Hahn as they were discussed. Some of the suggestions included:

- Move the pages with Public Meeting information to be after page 3.
- Page 3 – fill in the blank with the number 87 (parcels evaluated).
- Demographics were discussed – a lot of material here, but R. McDermott feels it gives a good overall as to where some of the information in the report came from. Page 4 - put a summary paragraph on this page and put all the additional information into the appendix.
- New school report came out today; add a link to that report under Websites of Interest.
- Don't move Public Meeting information forward.
- DOT traffic counts on East Street – M. Higby will provide a link for this information.
- Recreation Facilities Inventory (page 13) needs a short introduction paragraph. R. McDermott will create this.
- Information in the chart on page 14 regarding Lost Acres Vineyard – first off, the description wording is duplicated in the box, and there was concern that it sounds like an advertisement for the Vineyard. It was decided to remove the Vineyard portion from the chart. The third paragraph, on page 14, was modified by the Committee.
- The charts on pages 17 – 22 need to be reviewed once again for accuracy. The reference to Evonsion Farm should be changed throughout the document to read: 107 East Street.
- List of properties visited – pages 24 – 26 were reviewed. It was determined that the report would read better by listing the number of properties not visited by Committee members as opposed to all the properties that were. The property list was reviewed and the number of properties not visited were counted. An additional paragraph was inserted into this section. The title of this page was modified.
- Pages 27 – 29 were reviewed. Page 29 is to be removed.
- Page 38 – Recommendations – T. Hahn created a paragraph of explanation for number one. It was noted that the font should be made consistent throughout the document. In this section create two sections – 107 East Street and Other Town-Owned Lands (all other items will go into this section). Maps and parcel list – Other map section will be at the end of the report.
- Page 50 – make a list of pertinent websites used for this report.
- Page 51 – other documents – more added.
- J. Adams created a paragraph to add to number 13 in the Recommendation section.

Set Agenda for September 3, 2015 meeting

Items to include on the Agenda are:

- Review Report in its entirety
- Review text under Recommendation number 1
- Receive paper copies for appendix

PLEASE PRINT YOUR OWN COPY OF THE REPORT FOR THE SEPTEMBER 3RD MEETING.

Adjournment

On a MOTION by R. McDermott, seconded by M. Toczydlowski, the Committee voted unanimously (7-0-0) to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Christian
Recording Secretary