

Minutes of the Old Laperle Farm Property Committee, April 4, 2016 Meeting (Approved)

Members Present: Ginny Callan, Seth Gardner, Bob Morey, Andy Shapiro, Ray Stout, Zach Sullivan

Members Absent: Louise Frazier

- A. Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm
- B. No additions to the agenda
- C. No public comment at this time
- D. The committee toured portions of the property. This was limited to the southwest portion for this meeting, but gave an overview of the size of the property, boundary lines, and significant features (portions that had been considered for the East Montpelier Senior Living Initiative (EMSLI) project, river corridor, areas of flood plain, area considered for wastewater treatment by the EMSLI study). Particular attention was paid to the existing structure on the property.
- E. Minutes of the March 22, 2016 meeting were discussed and approved with one minor edit.
Motion: Ginny Callan, Second: Bob Morey.
In favor: G. Callan, S. Gardner, B. Morey, A. Shapiro, R. Stout, Z. Sullivan
Opposed: None
Abstained: None
- F. Bob Morey reported results of a conversation he had had with the Dufresne Group (which had conducted the EMSLI study) to determine if they were a viable contractor to continue study of the wastewater treatment capacity of the property. Morey suggested that we may need to issue a request for qualifications (RFQ), and the committee discussed the best way to issue such a request to ensure that it would reach the companies that might want to submit qualifications or proposals. Morey also discussed the work of the town's wastewater advisory committee (of which he was a member), which had examined options for addressing wastewater problems in the village in 2008.

Andy Shapiro will get a template for an RFQ: will talk to Department of Environmental Conservation to see if they have a template.

Ray Stout will bring questions about funding the study of the property to the Planning Commission (potentially under the master planning grant), Seth Gardner will also bring funding questions to the select board.
- G. The committee discussed what to do with the existing structure, though any decision was put off until the septic capacity of that portion of the property is known.

Public comment from Michelle McFadden that the house is a nice anchor to that corner, and it's harder than it looks to design something that looks old (looks like it belongs there). Many members felt that the current house has little value, particularly given the poor condition of its foundation. The committee discussed the need to maintain a sense of scale and history. There was some discussion of the fact that because the town owns the property, it has control over what would be built if the house was replaced.

Next meeting to be held May 9th, 2016, at 7 pm. This meeting will once again start at the property.

H. Meeting Adjourned 8:07pm

Motion: Ginny Callan. Second: Ray Stout

In favor: G. Callan, B. Morey, A. Shapiro, R. Stout, Z. Sullivan, S. Gardner

Opposed: None

Abstained: None