

Minutes of the meeting of the Old Laperle Farm Property Committee, 11/29/2016 (Approved)

Members present at start – Seth Gardner, Bob Morey, Zach Sullivan, Ginny Callan

- A. 7:10 Meeting called to order
- B. No Additions to the agenda
- C. No public Comment
- D. Minutes of November 10th and November 19th meetings approved:

November 10 – Motion: Callan, Second: Morey. In Favor: Gardner, Morey, Sullivan, Callan.

Opposed: None

November 19 – Motion: Callan, Second: Morey. In Favor: Gardner, Morey, Sullivan, Callan.

Opposed: None

- E. Discussion of site visit, uses, and next steps.

Louise Frazier joined at this point

Bob Morey asked about the Vermont Housing Conservation Grant. Seth had looked into whether there's a deadline: there isn't. The group discussed whether to move forward on this grant opportunity.

Bob Morey made a motion that the town pursue a grant from the Vermont Housing Conservation Board. Seconded: Callan. In Favor: Gardner, Morey, Sullivan, Callan, Frazier.

Opposed: None

The group discussed Andy's work on potential uses of the land and the wastewater treatment needs of each use – group members remembered that Andy had reached out to DEC, had updated the spreadsheet.

Andy Schapiro joined at this point (7:30)

Discussion of development potential. Seth was concerned about total capacity and thought that we may need to approach Fairmont Farm before moving forward. The group reached a consensus that the town should approach Fairmont Farm regarding negotiating use of the land for septic capacity. Michelle McFadden and Ross Hazel offered to contact Richard Hall regarding determining a way to use a small piece of land for the septic capacity.

There was a short discussion of potential acquisition of additional lot adjacent to the property on Rt. 14. Seth to look at soils to determine if this area would add meaningful additional septic capacity.

There was a discussion of master planning for the property and how the group should be looking into uses in addition to the EMSLI project. Michelle McFadden commented that these are things that will be answered by the work funded by the grant – we need to specify that these are the

things that the grant should be addressing. Seth offered to get the grant information and distribute it to the group.

To do items determined for next meeting:

- Grant application to be distributed before meeting, members to come to meeting with grant application ideas.
- Ross Hazel to email Fairmont Farm.
- Seth to contact Catamount Solar to discuss possibility of installing solar electricity generation on the site.

F. Other business:

Group will need to submit information for the town report. Members to bring ideas to the next meeting, Michelle suggested having a complete set of minutes to aid in creation of the report.

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday December 13th.

G. Meeting Adjourned, 8:30 PM. Motion: Shapiro, Second: Morey, In favor: All