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Dear Selectboard:

I am writing to provide a brief update on the Lylehaven conservation project in East Montpelier, and to offer the Selectboard an opportunity to provide early feedback about our plans.

Here is a summary of where things stand:

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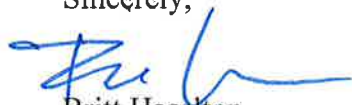
- Last year, the Vermont Land Trust (VLT) and the Cross Vermont Trail Association (CVTA) secured conservation and trail easements on a portion of Fairmont Dairy's Lylehaven property.
- We are in the preliminary stages of project development for another portion of Lylehaven: approximately 195 acres situated westerly of Route 14. The enclosed map depicts the proposed conservation plan. (Note that the CVTA trail corridors are not depicted; we are still finalizing the locations of these corridors.)
- Over the past few months, CVTA Executive Director Greg Western and I have worked with the Planning Commission to ensure that the current project aligns with planning and zoning efforts in East Montpelier. At its July 19 meeting, the Commission voted unanimously in favor of offering preliminary support for the proposed conservation plan.
- Appraisals of the conservation and trail easements are planned for later this year.
- If Fairmont Dairy is willing to move forward based on the appraisals, I will submit a grant application to the Vermont Housing & Conservation Board (VHCB) in the first half of 2019.
- I plan to request formal letters of support from both the Selectboard and Planning Commission prior to submitting the VHCB application. It is likely that VLT and/or CVTA will also submit an application to the Town's Conservation Fund Advisory Committee.

VLT, VHCB, and CVTA want to ensure that the Selectboard has every opportunity to provide feedback regarding our efforts. If the Board has any questions or concerns about this project, please send them to me at britt@vlt.org.



If the Board wishes, I would also be happy to attend an upcoming meeting to discuss the project and the VLT/VHCB easement process.

Sincerely,



Britt Haselton
Farm Project Director

enc: Property map
c: Greg Western, CVTA (via email)
Conservation Fund Advisory Committee (via email)

Orthophoto Map

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Property: Fairmont Dairy - Lylehaven

Location: East Montpelier, Vermont

8 Bailey Avenue Montpelier, VT 05602

Uncertain ownership (4.5 acres)

0.6-acre exclusion
(separate tax parcel)

Easement acres: ±195

6-acre exclusion



Protected Property



Farmstead Complex



Riparian Buffer Zone



Excluded Land



Wetland Protection Zone

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Scale: 1:7,000

0 250 500 750 1,000 Feet

