

Laperle Farm Committee Meeting Minutes

July 23, 2018

Members Present: Ginny Callan, Bob Morey, Seth Gardner

Members of the public present: Lois Flanders, Michelle McFadden, Ross Hazel

A. Meeting called to order at 6:02

No additions to the agenda

No public comment at this time

Minutes of the 5/22/2018 meeting approved with one typographical correction. Motion: Callan, Second: Morey, in favor: All.

B.

1. Discussion of wastewater study and VHCB feasibility grant

The group discussed the wastewater information provided in the notes from Don Marsh. There was consensus that because the additional capacity would not be needed by EMSLI, and because other project ideas are on hold, there is no need to continue with these studies. There was a short discussion of whether the town should continue pursuing the VHCB feasibility grant. Because the VHCB grant was conditional on finding more wastewater treatment capacity, which is not being pursued at this time, the consensus was that it did not make sense to continue pursuing use of the grant, but that the town should seek reimbursement for the wastewater treatment capacity evaluation already done. The Selectboard had already drafted letter to the VHCB to this effect, which had not yet been approved.

Ginny Callan made a motion to approve the letter to the VHCB as drafted. Seconded by Bob Morey, voted in favor.

2. Discussion of options for the Old Laperle Farm building and site

Seth Gardner provided an update on work being done in preparation for the building's removal. Asbestos remediation was being performed, to be completed imminently if not already complete.

There was some discussion of how the building would be removed. The fire department had suggested using the building for training, but committee members felt that the timbers in the building could and should be re-used. The building will need to be taken down by early fall if the bridge construction work crews who have been using the site for equipment storage are going to be asked to repair the full site as the equipment is removed.

Michelle McFadden suggested that the town consult with a landscape architect regarding how the site should be re-purposed because of its position anchoring the corner.

3. Discussion of the letter of support for EMSLI

The committee reviewed the Selectboard letter in support of EMSLI. All members were supportive of the letter.

C. Discussion of VHCB Feasibility Grant

The committee members agreed that this agenda item had been addressed during the discussion of the wastewater treatment update.

D. No Other Business

E. Meeting adjourned at 6:28. Motion: Callan, Second, Morey, In Favor: All.