

Old Laperle Farm Property Committee Meeting Minutes

January 15, 2019

Members Present: Seth Gardner, Ginny Callan, Ray Stout, Bob Morey, Andy Shapiro (arrived 7:20 p.m.)

- A. Meeting called to order at 7:06 p.m. No additions to the agenda; no public comment.

Minutes of the October 8, 2018 meeting approved. Motion: Callan. Second: Stout. Passed unanimously.

- B. Discussion on Options in Light of Recent News.

- EMSLI's Decision to Pursue Non-LaPerle Property Opportunities
- Hodgeman Donation of Abutting Parcel to Town
- Expected Removal of LaPerle Farmhouse by Mid-May 2019

Chair Gardner described the recent actions affecting the LaPerle parcel and opened the floor to discussion on next steps. Mr. Stout suggested investigating a possible PUD (planned unit development). Mr. Shapiro recommended getting private developers involved. Ms. Callan floated the possibility of issuing an RFP for housing development on the parcel. Mr. Shapiro would like to see proposals that would maximize the number of family housing units given the property's septic capacity and meet state energy codes. The committee should select the proposal that provides for the most family housing.

Mr. Shapiro will invite John Connor of Connor Contracting to an upcoming meeting to provide a developer's perspective on the development options.

- C. Discussion on Friends of Winooski Proposal to Plant Trees Along East Side of Sodom Pond Brook on LaPerle Property.

Mr. Morey requested that the Friends of Winooski River project leaders be informed about the beaver activity just south of the Fontaine property.

Committee members reviewed the proposal to plant 400 trees/bushes in two sections of the riparian buffer area on the east side of the brook. The proposal was approved by committee consensus.

- D. Discussion on Fontaine Proposal to Purchase Northern Portion of LaPerle Parcel.

Chair Gardner presented the concept of selling a small portion of LaPerle lot, up to around 10 acres on the north end away from the identified septic locations, to abutting owner Marc Fontaine. Committee members were in support of pursuing the possibility.

To pursue the sale of up to 10 acres of the LaPerle Property to Marc Fontaine. Motion Callan. Second: Shapiro. Passed unanimously.

E. Development of LaPerle Committee Report for Town Report.

Chair Gardner presented a draft report of the committee's activities for inclusion in the town's 2018 Annual Report. It was suggested to mention committee members' other town positions to lend credence to the committee's efforts. Mr. Shapiro will compile a revised version of the report for submission to Deb Fillion, the Annual Report's editor.

F. Other Business.

None.

G. Meeting Adjourned 8:30pm. Motion: Callan. Second: Shapiro. Passed unanimously.