

Missquoui River Basin Association Jay Land Acquisition Meeting  
February 22, 2024  
Jay Municipal Building  
Minutes

Present: Lindsey Wight & Ellen Fox ( MRBA), Dave Sanders ( Jay Selectboard),  
Bill Stenger (Jay Peak Receivership), Dianne Leplante (Jay Zoning Administrator,  
Pat Sanders (recording secretary), Geegee Zaveson, Cricket & Dean Wilbur,  
Irene Mcdermut, Spenser Barenberg, Eric Martin (ZOOM)

Ellen called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

1. Ellen updated the group on the status of the independent appraisal that is being done on the property and hopes to have it completed by mid-March.
2. Ellen introduced Dave to lead a discussion on how best to present the information about the project at Town Meeting. Dave felt it would be best if representatives from the interested parties speak on their area of interest. He also mentioned that there is a lot of misinformation circulating that needs to be addressed.
  - A. Irene asked for clarification and a brief description of what the project entails. A copy of the executive summary Ellen sent to Mr. Goldberg was distributed to anyone present who wanted one. Dave briefly reviewed the proposal and highlighted the major components which include;
    - Construction of a Fire Pond
    - Creating of affordable senior or workforce housing, possibly by Rural Edge who is very interested in participating,
    - Retention and preservation of recreation trails for VAST and Catamount
    - Wetlands protection and preservation including the development of a tree nursery and education center by MRBA to grow trees that will help preserve river banks, wildlife corridors & habitats.
  - B. The group felt it was important to have the following available at town meeting:
    - a condensed version as well as the complete version of the executive summary
    - maps of the proposed project, conservation/topographical/ soil maps indicating wetlands and buildable locations.
    - List of interested parties and possible funding sources
  - C. The following people were identified as speakers for the individual components of the proposal or assigned specific tasks:
    - Ellen and Lindsey will cover the conservation and preservation component and MRBA involvement in the project
    - Dave will speak to Jeff Morse to see if he will speak about the need for a fire pond
    - Lindsey will contact Courtney Dickerson to speak or submit a written statement from the Catamount Trail Association

- Geegee will speak about the importance of a centerpiece for the Town and public space for the community.
- Dave will speak to the need for housing and what we are looking to create on the small piece of developable land with help and possible sale to Rural Edge.
- Lindsey and Ellen will speak on funding sources available for different components to help offset the cost of acquisition and development.
- Pat will simplify the executive summery.

3. Adjourn:

- A. Dave made a motion seconded by Ellen to adjourn. Motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 4;10 p.m.