

Bristol Town Administrator

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To: Bristol Town Administrator
Subject: Fuller parcel
Attachments: DRAFT letter of interest Town of Bristol 201905xx.docx; Fuller Final map 102912.pdf

Hi Valerie,

Charlie Fuller, Executor of Paul Fuller's estate, is needing a letter from the Town of Bristol to supply to his real estate agent.

He currently is planning to list (or may have already listed) the property with Lynn Jackson CENTURY 21 in Vergennes. The realtor is telling Charlie that she needs some kind of letter from the Town of Bristol stating their intentions to pursue fundraising for acquisition of the 14.7 acres of river corridor easement, so that she knows how to advise Charlie about listing the property.

I drafted a letter (attached). Do you think this is something you and maybe Joel could sign without needing a full review at an upcoming SB meeting? Or should I come to a meeting and ask formally for their approval?

I told Charlie that this letter merely states the Town's intentions, but is not to be construed as an option on the property or a request for an option. The one "carrot" we are offering is that the town will pay for and arrange for the subdivision, in addition to the acquisition. But I also acknowledged that it may take us a year or more to raise these funds.

A couple more developments:

- (1) Maybe the town considers fronting money and my volunteer time to pursue a subdivision on Charlie's behalf? – that would make it easier for him to list the remainder of the property, and allows the town some time to fundraise for the 14.7 acres. I have already started to research what this would entail and how much it would cost, so that I could bring that idea to a future SB meeting.
- (2) The Vermont River Conservancy is advising that the 0.7 acre "sliver" of land becomes irrelevant, and the Town should not have to purchase it. Their research to survey the original 14.7 acres for the easement determined that the Fuller lands extended to the center line of the river (survey plan attached), and were not exactly as the tax parcel maps displayed the lot. That "sliver" in space is today actually occupied by the New Haven River. I have therefore focused the attached letter on the 14.7 acres and made no mention of the "sliver".

Let me know if this letter can be signed by you and Joel – and sent to Charlie.

Or whether you think I should come to a meeting, and perhaps discuss offering to prepare a subdivision permit as a way to solve Charlie's problem of how to list the property.

Thank you,
Kristen

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