

Motion of Approval

A motion is made to approve the expenditure of \$90,000 from the Conservation Fund, as requested by the application of the Charlotte Land Trust and Vermont Land Trust for the Hinsdale/Preston project, with the following conditions:

1. A trail easement burdening the Project, in a location as described below or as agreed upon by the landowner and Town of Charlotte, in favor of the Town of Charlotte will be executed at or prior to the closing on the conservation easement.

The locations under consideration are:

- from Guinea Road westerly across the northern boundary of the project parcel, then southerly across the western boundary of the "Titus" parcel to One Mile Road (the Eastern option);
- from Guinea Road westerly across the northern boundary of the project parcel and the northern and western boundary of the "Krasnow" parcel, including the right of way out to One Mile Road (the Western option).

2. No public access will be allowed until a route is selected, provided that the Trails Committee may elect the Eastern Option at any time.

3. Only one route will be chosen.

4. The trail easement will include protocols that promote public access use compatibility with continued agricultural use of the easement area, including the right of the farmer to temporarily close the trail due to agricultural practices that would be detrimental to trail users.