

LAFAYETTE BROOK TRACT
PUBLIC SESSION
Comments, Questions & Answers

1. How much will the sale take away in taxes?
 - a. The State of NH pays PILT at the median rate of current use.
 - b. Bill Carpenter consulted the appraisal and current landowners are pay \$470/year
2. Will an EIS be done?
 - a. Not required for State projects
3. What changes are expected for the parcel
 - a. Short Term: small gravel parking area, pit toilet, develop & maintain trail system, continue sugarbush lease.
 - b. Long Term: expand recreational activities which would require a larger planning effort.
4. Who initiated the sale
 - a. The Division was contacted by The Nature Conservancy.
5. Are there any legally binding agreements in place now?
 - a. Not between the State and the landowner.
6. Is there additional ski terrain?
 - a. No, it is relatively flat but cross-country skiing & snow shoeing is appropriate.
7. Is there a potential to connect to other trails?
 - a. Yes to Bald Mountain & the State Park and WMNF which abut the property.
8. Will snowmobiles & ATVs be restricted?
 - a. Not through the deed. There are currently no trails on the property and to add them would require a larger planning effort.
9. Will horses be permitted?
 - a. On most undeveloped DRED parcels they are allowed in accordance with administrative rule requirements.
10. Will dogs be allowed? Would like to have some public lands that prohibit dogs because of lack of control.
 - a. DRED has rules that outline where dogs are permitted.
11. The last fee acquisition was Jericho Mtn SP and specifically for motorized recreation. Would all recreational activities be included for this parcel?
 - a. Property is being acquired to complement the existing activities at the State Park, particularly activities require flatter terrain.
12. In the NHB document it mentions campground development, what is the plan for development?
 - a. Could concession some activities like snow shoeing to develop a trail system.
 - b. Campground could be built in future.
13. What about competition with private ski touring areas and campgrounds?
 - a. Try to compliment the private sector with more affordable camping with less amenities like major development for RV's.
14. The Town of Franconia has done some surveying for its Master Plan. There is a fear it will become a Lincoln. One thing that is missing is cross-country skiing in the community. What will happen to the property if it is not bought? Not sure.
15. How soon until closing?
 - a. Hope to wrap up the purchase by end of the year during this legislative term.