

February 1, 2008

Friends,

Our website update is finally complete. The last new item is the Virtual Walkthrough which went up this week. This is an animated tour inside a sketch-up of the home design. The website now contains additional information about the project, community, and surrounding areas. If you have been on it recently you may need to refresh to see the newest content, if not now is a great time to see all of our new stuff.

We will have an **Open House** and get together on **Sunday February 10, 2008 at 1:00 pm**. At that time we will have 3D models, large printed plans and drawings, as well as answers to any questions about the homes or the community. We will also have information on buying-in and costs. Please RSVP to [sweetpondeco@yahoo.com](mailto:sweetpondeco@yahoo.com) to let us know that you are coming and how many will be with you. Directions are available on our website or just ask when you RSVP. We will meet in the existing house on the property which is 413 Sweet Pond Road where we can stay warm and see much of the project site. Feel free to bring your snow shoes if you would like to go and walk the site after!

The design has been finalized, the only steps left in that department are some costing and determining options for interior finishes. Our legal documents have also been completed, and although subject to change, will be posted as soon as we get the go ahead from our attorney. Homes are now available for and unit selection will be on a first-come, first-serve basis.

If you have been watching our progress since we first began the project in June 2006, this is the real deal! We are finishing up the last elements of pre-development and can now finally offer homes for sale. The plan right now is to build in sets of three to gain some efficiencies of scale. It is looking like the bank will require about five units under contract to build the extensive infrastructure including the car barn, pathways, common septic system, well, and utilities. We are still on schedule to start construction on units this Spring!

Updates from design and site plan. We are still waiting on more information and better pricing on district heating which is a valuable part of the community design but the upfront costs are not where they need to be yet. The total property that will make up Sweet Pond Eco Community is now estimated at 83 acres, we will not have the exact numbers until the subdivision is made and the land is declared as Sweet Pond Eco Community. The site is 102 acres total however a small field in the NW is being sold, the existing ranch on the property is on the market, and the 14 acre high pasture is not being included in the project.

We have been hard at work on Sweet Pond and are looking forward to the next stage of the project, forming the community and construction. We hope you will join us on February 10 at 1:00 and look forward to your RSVP. Please feel free to pass this on to friends and family and post on any listservs that may be interested.

Sincerely,

Zoe, Ken, & T