



Fwd: Williams Hill Rd - Petition misinformation

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Peter Moore <pmoorefish@gmail.com>
To: Josh Arneson <jarneson@richmondvt.gov>

Tue, Sep 21, 2021 at 5:50 PM

I am re-sending all my previous correspondence on the Williams Hill Rd Class 4 determination, in order to be included in the sworn record, as per your guidance of Friday Sep 17 email.
I will also participate on the Sep 21 Zoom call and will reference my previous emails to you and the Selectboard on the topic.

Thank you,
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From: **Peter Moore** <pmoorefish@gmail.com>
Date: Sun, Jun 20, 2021 at 6:08 PM
Subject: Williams Hill Rd - Petition misinformation
To: Peter Moore <pmoorefish@gmail.com>

Regarding the petition (which i understand is one sentence simply asking for the Williams Hill road class 4 section be extinguished by the Selectboard, without rationale or factual statements about the Trails Committee proposal), I would respectfully request that the Selectboard require Mr. Parke (as the originator of the petition) produce in writing and for the record the rationale and justification he used to convince signatories to sign the petition to extinguish Williams Hill Rd.

I understand from neighbors that his misinformation claims that the Trails Committee is promoting opening the ROW to Jeeps and dirt bikes, etc.

This clearly misrepresents the Trails Committee proposal scope for a non-motorized footpath.

The entire Selectboard needs to ensure that such false statements from the petitioner invalidate the signatures collected to support his efforts to extinguish the town road ROW.

I do hope the Selectboard recognizes that misinformation by a petitioner undermines the legitimate public process envisioned by Vermont statute for considering disposition of a town owned road-asset.

The Trails Committee proposal simply seeks to implement the 2018 Town Plan already approved by the Selectboard which limits the use of this public way to a non-motorized path.

Please support this approach for the Town-owned asset in question.

Peter Moore

On Sun, Jun 20, 2021 at 12:38 PM bard hill <bard.hill@richmondvt.org> wrote:

Thank you Peter.
Bard

From: Peter Moore <pmoorefish@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 20, 2021 11:38 AM
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Subject: Re: I SUPPORT - Trails Committee proposal for Williams Hill Rd non-motorized trail access to Palmer Rd by Trails

Committee

Hello,

I am re-submitting my comments from June 7, relative to the Selectboard agenda item for June 21 on Williams Hill Rd disposition.

I am a resident of Williams Hill, the third house from the dead end and ROW through to Palmer Road and other rural roads and trails beyond. I feel strongly that this is a public asset that should not be extinguished by the Town Selectboard and given away to private landowners who happen to be abutters. Their deeds reference the Williams Hill Rd, and the maps that Josh Arneson distributed make it very clear that this road exists and should be treated as a Town asset.

I am in favor of a Town-owned well delineated non-motorized footpath through to Palmer Road as proposed by our Richmond Trails Committee. As well, I do not support parking at the trailhead nor any form of motorized use of the Class 4 road. You have the power to create this just as you did with the Snipe Ireland - Snipe Island Rd connection to Jericho. Please use your fiduciary responsibility and serve the greater Town interest, as enshrined in the 2018 Richmond Town Plan document you adopted, and not succumb to parochial politics that favors a vocal minority, particularly when they are providing other residents with misinformation in their petition drive.

Thank you for considering my comments.

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On Mon, Jun 7, 2021 at 9:51 AM Peter Moore <pmoorefish@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello,

I may not be able to make the Selectboard ZOOM call tonight as I am assisting with my mother who is in hospice in NH.

I live at [1272 Williams Hill Rd, Richmond](#), which is at the end of the Williams Hill Rd traveled roadway (we look at the end of the road from our house).

I SUPPORT the Richmond Trails Committee proposal to provide for a non-motorized path following the Town- owned Class 4 road portion of Williams Hill through to the Palmer Road (0.7 miles on the map provided by Town of Richmond). This connection would allow for uncontested and unimpeded connection on foot, bike or skis to the Sherman Hollow, McGee Hill road neighbors and to the Sleepy Hollow ski and bike trails. The proposal is responsive to the wishes of many of our neighbors and residents of Richmond.

We do not support allowing parking at the Williams Hill Class 4 trailhead due to emergency and municipal vehicle access and turnaround requirements and we do not support creation of additional parking along Williams Hill Rd in deference to the wishes of our neighbors.

Interconnected neighborhoods and Towns via trails was supported heavily by residents during the visioning process that resulted in the Richmond Town Plan (2018) and is embodied throughout the Town Plan as adopted by the Selectboard.

On a personal note, my wife and I have had two very close encounters with large trucks towing construction trailers and boat trailers while riding on Hinesburg Road and Huntington Road while biking from our home to access the Sherman Hollow, McGee Hill Roads and the Sleepy Hollow trail system off McGee Hill Rd. We have decided it is not worth the risk to ride those roads and we feel it is only reasonable for us as residents and taxpayers to be able to pass through the 0.7 miles of Town owned Class 4 road in question to safely access the Sleepy Hollow trail system.

The Town owns the land over which the trail would be marked. The deeds of the abutters to the proposed trail reference their properties as bounded by Williams Hill Rd. See attached deeds for details. If the Town needs to resurvey the boundaries of the Class 4 road portion, to provide for an unambiguous resolution of where the public way lies, then that seems like a simple solution to allow for the unimpeded access by the public on a public way. The Town also has the opportunity and authority to turn this portion of the Class 4 road into a legal trail and prohibit motorized access. This is an outcome I also support.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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