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letter

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Hey Josh -

I sent this letter to all of the Selectboard members individually and I wanted to keep you in the loop, so here's a copy.

Thanks-

Jean

July 9th 2021

Greetings

Currently you and the rest of the Richmond Slectboard are contemplating action on the Williams Hill Road Trail.

Our Trails Committee has requested that you consider a pedestrian and bicycle trail through the town right-of-way that connects Williams Hill Road to Palmer Lane.

The mission of the Trails Committee is to establish paths for non-motorized transportation and recreation in Richmond, to maintain these paths, to link with other towns when feasible, and to promote safe citizen use of these paths.

There are several reasons why I believe that you should allow this thoroughfare.

Currently, in Richmond there are three other active trails that were originally roads - The Jericho Road Trail, The Johnny Brook Trail and the Snipe Ireland Trail. These trails allow for safe travel and recreation for the walkers and bikers of our community.

The Covid Pandemic has highlighted the need for local, accessible and well marked trails for area residents to recreate safely. Opening up the Williams Hill Trail will not only connect our town to Hinesburg, it would allow pedestrian and bicycle traffic to be away from motorized traffic.

Our town plan states - 'Richmond has long held a goal of improving bikeability and walkability, and it was one of the most common themes during the visioning process.'

Increasing the connectivity of trails in town improves the quality of life for all the residents of our community.

I strongly urge you to allow a trail corridor to be re-established on the Williams Hill Trail.

Thank you for considering-
Jean Bressor
Richmond Trails Committee

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