



September 20th, 2021

To Richmond Selectboard:

We are writing about the town-owned Right of Way that connects Williams Hill Road with Palmer Road. The Richmond Climate Action Committee wishes to reduce transportation powered by fossil fuels as this is a major (c. 40%) contributor to carbon dioxide (a 'greenhouse' gas) pollution.

Therefore, we are opposed to the Town giving up any Right of Way (ROW) that potentially can provide shorter travel distances, especially if such a ROW enables the use of human-powered or low energy-consumption travel (e.g. by electrical-assisted bicycle).

In this context, in the case of the Williams Hill/Palmer Road link, we believe that the present status of this Town-owned ROW should remain unchanged, as this would provide flexibility and different options if the need arises in the future. Also, establishing a trail along this route would facilitate and maintain public access to this potentially valuable Town-owned asset.

Thank you for your consideration, sincerely,

Jeff Forward, on behalf of Richmond Climate Action Committee (Committee Chair and Town Energy Coordinator).