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Town Of Richmond Select Board

Do the people of a neighborhood have the right to determine the character and quality of their neighborhood? Or may an outside group, with no vested interest, be given the ability to effect changes without regard to immediate and/or possible long term consequences?

The majority of households on Williams Hill support permanently discontinuing what remains of any road between Williams Hill Road and Hinesburg. The 66% who are in favor of discontinuing the road represents democracy at its most basic and purest level. A number of families have moved to the hill precisely because it is a dead end road which adds greatly to the security, value and peacefulness of the neighborhood.

Already motorcycles have come up the road only to be frustrated because it is a dead end and so turn around and do not come back. If the road would be opened up if only for a trail there would be no way, signs notwithstanding, to realistically prevent its use by motorcycles, ATVs and Snowmobiles. There may be other unfavorable and unforeseen results to the proposed action by the trail committee.

The select board needs to take into consideration the will of the neighborhood and think deeply about the total consequences of the trail committee's initiative.

Respectively yours,

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