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Squannacook River Rail Trail
Townsend Massachusetts

To whom it may concern:

Members of the SRRT thank you for your time and dedication developing the rail trail system in Townsend for all to enjoy. Townsend Fire-EMS Department supports the development of the former rail trails for recreational use in Townsend.

Our only request is you give consideration to emergency access to the trail system. Townsend Fire-EMS has a Kawasaki mule, and Polaris ATV for emergency response to remote and difficult to reach areas. We respectfully request development of the trail system allow access to the trail system for these vehicles for emergency purposes.

If at some point the decision is made to block or gate the access to the trails to prohibit unwanted use of ATV we respectfully request gates be used and you use Knox padlocks to allow Fire-EMS access.

Respectfully

Mark R. Boynton
Fire-EMS Chief