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Steve Meehan President of Squannacook Greenways 88 South Harbor Road Townsend, MA 01469

Dear Mr. Meehan:

It's not often enough that we get to volunteer our time toward an initiative that shows as a clear pathway forward, but in the case of the Squannacook River Rail Trail there is not a more literal example.

The work that your group is doing and the end result that you're striving for----to become a part of a 22 mile system of bike trails that help connect five Massachusetts towns along with connections into New Hampshire---is an incredibly worthy effort.

Thank you for all the work you do through Squannacook Greenways to improve the quality of life in Townsend and Groton. Your work to build the Squannacook River Rail Trail is important to enhance the quality of life in these towns. Safely bicycling to one town to the other will increase connectivity between communities and helps form a network of bike trails that includes the Nashua River Rail Trail.

These trails are important to the infrastructure of the 21st century as younger generations move away from automobile travel and the nation as a whole changes to greener and healthier modes of transportation for both ourselves and the environment.

Thank you again for all your efforts and hope to one day walk on the Squannacook River Rail Trail with you.

Sincerely,

James Kreidler

Interim Town Administrator