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To: Bill Rideout  
Squannacook Greenways Inc.  
From: Rick Bailey, Chief, Townsend Police Department  
Re: Conservation Hearing / Trail Permitting  
Date: May 15, 2019

It is my pleasure to submit this letter of support to you for your upcoming meeting related to the final permitting for construction of the much anticipated rail trail. The efforts of your dedicated group of volunteers to make this project a reality for Townsend is commendable. The completion of the Squannacook River Rail Trail, will enhance safety for those wishing to travel by foot or bicycle between the Center and the Harbor.

I do not have concerns about the project completion, but do have a few suggestions. They are as follows:

- Cut tree limbs up to a height of 11 feet to allow ambulance access if needed.
- Install removable bollards (or a gate) to limit ATV/vehicle at the entrances of the trail.
- Provide the Townsend Police and Fire Departments a set of keys to the bollards/gates in case entrance to the trail is needed for official business.
- Post signs, as appropriate, with the rules for using the trail.

Once the trail is complete, I will ensure that the Townsend Police Department randomly monitors the trail. In addition, I would be happy work with you on safety and educational programs on the trail like the Family Day held in June of 2017 or in the schools. Finally, if there are any grants available, such as Safe Routes to School or others, I certainly would ensure that the Townsend Police Department collaborates on the applications and implementation.

Thank you again for all your hard work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard B. Bailey".

Richard B. Bailey  
Chief