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Trails comity proposal:

Comment:

The 1,300 people of Tunbridge own the right to use the roads and trails for all supportable traditional uses. If this right is to be given away the people need to have the right to give their consent. While the roads no longer are maintained for heavy vehicle use, they are a valuable asset to the town for human and animal power. We do not need to reinvent the wheel with policy. I propose updated guidelines to help trail users retain rights and land owner a venue for viable options for their concerns.

Propose to planning comity that the town adopt language consistent with neighboring surrounding towns:

1. Prohibits motorized use including e-bikes.
2. Allows human and animal powered traffic.

Possible additions:

- A. Requires town permits for groups larger than 20 people.
- B. Allow for creating detours around occupied residences. This would not alter the right of way location but offer the land owner a way to enhance privacy if a solution can be agreed upon. The detour would need to be of equal viability as a trail option.
- C. Create a trails maintenance comity. This would be made up of volunteer residence that posts trails in mud season, address environmental concerns and interface with land owners.

Thank you all for your long and labored work on this issue.

George.