

October 21, 2020

Dear Concerned Parties,

Thank you for the time you took to speak with the Tunbridge Conservation Commission meeting on Monday, September 21. Our committee visited the Cross Road trail, hearing from Deb Mullen and Lori Berger. Later on at our meeting we heard from John Echevarria about the Moody Road trail.

As some of our TCC members have never seen these trails, we are visiting so that we can have a better understanding as we discuss any advice our commission may feel moved to make to the Selectboard. It is informative to see the condition of the trails, hear about current usage and understand the effects of use on landowners.

At this point the Conservation Commission has not come to a consensus on any recommendations to the Selectboard. We thought we'd write to let you know as follow-up to our discussions in September and in gratitude for your time sharing with us.

We also wanted to acknowledge the suggestions from you and others about ways to support landowners...namely by not improving the trails or alternatively by making them clear enough so as to discourage off-trail wandering, by not advertising them with welcoming signage, and by considering informative signage that would discourage trespassing on private land by passersby. Small projects to this end may be in our purview of engaging volunteers. If we think we might be able to accomplish any of these things, we'll certainly reach out to you for further collaboration.

Again, we just wanted to say thank you for your input on the issue of Tunbridge legal trails. We are always open to help in understanding the issues of Tunbridge natural resources.

In gratitude,

The Tunbridge Conservation Commission

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