

Mr. Tim Blagden
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Dear Mr. Blagden,

The Warner Energy Committee is charged by the community of Warner to suggest actions and solutions that will reduce carbon emissions, dependence on fossil fuels, and increase conservation and use of renewable resources.

Because vehicular transportation is a major contributor of carbon emissions, the Energy Committee is interested in options that include alternative transportation modes and/or routes.

The proposed restoration of the Concord-Claremont rail line to a rail trail is a project that we support in concept. It will provide a safe and energy efficient means of travel for pedestrians and bicyclists of all ages and abilities within, and eventually, outside the Town limits.

The initial phase connecting the 2 Warner ball fields by a bike-pedestrian path will mean children and families can travel between the 2 facilities and to and from downtown safely without the use of motor vehicles.

As the project develops along the proposed route, more options for non-vehicular travel will be possible; so people can opt to commute, shop, recreate, etc. at any point along the trail.

Other benefits inherent in this project like increased physical activity and health, appreciation of natural and historic resources, and community connectivity convince us this is a worthwhile endeavor that will have long lasting positive effect for our community and the environment.

Sincerely,

The Warner Energy Committee