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October 24, 2012

Commissioner Edward Lambert
Department of Conservation & Recreation
251 Causeway Street, Suite 900
Boston, MA. 02114-2104

RE: Squannacook River Rail Trail

Dear Commissioner Lambert:

The Town of Groton is pleased to offer its support for the development of the Squannacook River Rail Trail (SRRT) by Squannacook Greenways. The Groton Board of Selectmen had appointed an advisory committee to investigate development strategies and endorsed the Committee's final report which detailed a plan whereby DCR would negotiate and secure a lease with the MBTA for the abandoned Greenville branch rail corridor and then enter into an agreement with Squannacook Greenways for actual development of the trail.

The Town of Groton will offer material support to this effort in the form of public safety services as well as assistance from our public works department which would be available on a spot need basis in coordination with Squannacook Greenways. As you are aware, Groton has enjoyed a very positive experience with the Nashua River Rail Trail and looks forward to the recreational opportunities the SRRT will offer as well as the connection with Townsend, a neighboring community.

Thank you for the support of your agency in realizing the development of this great recreational resource and please feel free to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,


Mark W. Haddad
Town Manager

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Cc: Board of Selectmen