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Town of Hopkinton Board of Selectmen 18 Main Street Hopkinton, MA 01748

Gentlemen:

The <u>Hopkinton Trails Club</u> has recently been performing volunteer trails maintenance and hosting public guided and non guided walks at Hopkinton and Whitehall State Parks. As the volunteer coordinator of Hopkinton State Park, I have found the partnership between the park and this club to be mutually beneficial to both entities.

Any assistance with keeping the trails open, safe, and aesthetically pleasing is much appreciated by the park staff and the visiting public. <u>Hopkinton Trails Club</u> has shown commitment to this valued, but all too often, undiscovered resource in the town and the Metrowest area. Their willingness to perform the physically demanding work of trail maintenance and coordinating the details involved in inviting the local public on their hosted walks, has helped make a valued difference at Hopkinton and Whitehall State Parks.

<u>Hopkinton Trails Club</u> has demonstrated sincere willingness to seek out training and expertise of trail maintenance and construction techniques. The Hopkinton State Park staff looks forward to assisting them in this endeavor. Upon meeting with individual members of the club, I am encouraged by their sincere commitment to the community and mission regarding the natural assets of the town and parks.

"Man's craving for wilderness increases in direct proportion to growing urbanization. The more city pavements, the more suburban sidewalks and development, the more precious become the surviving forests and their trails." - Paul Brooks

It is with this realization and spirit, that the park staff at Hopkinton continues to partner with the <u>Hopkinton Trails Club</u> and sincerely appreciates what they bring to the park community and its trails.

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