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375 Main St  
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Submitted At the Public Meeting of 7/20/2017  
re the Barbara A. Deming Trust Variation Application

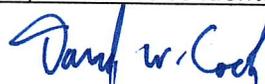
I am a former Deming property abutter (former only because, having bought the abutting 69 acres, my wife and I put it under ASLPT easement and gave it to the New London Town Conservation Commission). The 2 of us were the ASLPT monitors of the 125 acre Deming property from 2003 - 2013, as well as the builders/maintainers from 2003 – to the present, of the six trails that transit the Deming parcel and connect to adjoining properties (both private and Town-owned). The creation thereof was made possible by the trail building provisions of the Deming/ASLPT Easement agreement. We strongly believe that those provisions must still apply to new lot ruling of the Board.) Regrettably, despite our demonstrated long term interest therein, we were not notified of the 2/22/2016 hearing.

1. The Pleasant Lake High Trail (PLHT) from Whitney Brook Rd to the SRK served as a major firefighting access during the 2 acre forest fire on Tabor Hill July 22, 2012.
2. The Orchard Drive/Walking Trail goes from the Deming end of 40 Acre Road, through the entire length of the Deming parcel, to the Camp Tabor Road. Because it is level, it has become a near daily walking destination of choice for senior citizens. Many of whom park at the turnaround entrance and walk in from there. And so:

IT IS VITAL THAT THE FORTCOMING FINAL LANGUAGE OF THE ZONING BOARD RULING REFERENCE AND PROTECT THIS MANY-YEAR PATTERN OF USAGE, AND SPECIFY THE JOINT RESPONSIBILITY OF THE TOWN AND THE OWNERS OF THE TWO ABUTTING PROPERTIES (Deming and the new lot's owner) TO MAINTAIN YEAR ROUND TRAIL ACCESS AND PARKING IN THE TURN AROUND.

3. The Camp Tabor Road, itself.
4. The Deming Zigzag/Bail-out Trail (connects the PLHT at the top of Tabor Hill to the upper Camp Tabor Road )
5. The Powerline Parallel Trail (connects both the Cook easement and the Cattle Line Up/ East Border Trail to the PLHT just above the Power Line Easement.
6. The Cattle-Line Up/East Border Trail

Both Trails 2 and 6 start at the 40 Acre Road entrance. They should be so identified in the Board's final ruling.

  
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