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Lenox Select Board

Date: April 16, 2024
To: The Town of Stockbridge Select Board
From: The Town of Lenox Select Board

Re: Berkshire Regional Planning Commission Feasibility Study for Sidewalks surrounding the Tanglewood property encompassing West Street and Old Stockbridge Roads in Lenox and West Street, Hawthorne Street and Hawthorne Roads in Stockbridge.

On Wednesday, April 10, 2024, Select Board in the Town of Lenox evaluated a proposal from Marybeth Mitts on the Select Board's Consent Agenda regarding a potential feasibility study to be conducted by Berkshire Regional Planning Commission (BRPC) in collaboration with the Town of Stockbridge's Select Board for a sidewalk/trail project referred to as the "Berkshire Emerald Amethyst Necklace".

Starting from the monument in Lenox, we envision an improvement to sidewalks down both West Street and Old Stockbridge Road (all of which are currently "side walked" and may need major improvements), then connecting to new sidewalks or walking trails that would extend to Gould Meadows on 183/Interlaken Road, Hawthorne Road (Lion's Gate, Linde Center, Hawthorne Cottage, Bullard Woods, Camp Mah-Kee-Nac) to the Stockbridge Bowl causeway, and back up Hawthorne Street (Hawthorne Gate, Frelinghuysen, Tanglewood Institute) connecting the loop with Old Stockbridge Road. This area features some of the county's most beloved trails and cultural institutions. It also serves private schools (Boston University Tanglewood Institute and Berkshire Country Day School) and Lenox's public elementary school. Overall, this would provide opportunities for safe walking and biking to connect important tourist/local resident attractions.

The Select Board in the Town of Lenox voted unanimously to request BRPC conduct a feasibility study with the understanding that the Select Board of the Town of Stockbridge would also need to approve this undertaking at a meeting of their Board. The undersigned approve of this undertaking by BRPC.

Ed Lane, Chairman

Dave Roche, Clerk

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