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March 6, 2021

Ms. Diane Ricciardelli  
Town Administrator  
Town of Warner  
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Support for Warner Transportation Alternatives Program Application

Dear Ms. Ricciardelli,

The Central NH Bicycling Coalition (CNHBC) would like to express its enthusiastic support for the Town of Warner's Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) application to create active transportation enhancements along a section of Route 103. The project, which connects Warner village to the retail businesses located near Exit 9 of Interstate 89, makes safety improvements that will benefit both walkers and cyclists.

CNHBC promotes bicycling and active transportation through education, advocacy, and support for projects such as yours. As such, we pledge continued support for efforts that provide transportation alternatives in Warner.

Thank you for your consideration,

Felice Janelle  
CNHBC Board Chair

To Whom It May Concern,

3/12/21

I am writing to voice the support of the Warner Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC) for a multi-use path connecting the Warner Village to the businesses at Exit 9.

Function dictates form, and this stretch of roadway is functioning in ways that its current form doesn't safely accommodate. Many people need to walk and/or bike on this section of Rt. 103, which can be a bit daunting as they contend with cars and navigate very limited shoulder access. Not only would this path provide a route for travel, but it would also slow cars down and make overall travel safer. For folks with different mobility requirements, there is currently no safe path of travel between Main Street and businesses at Exit 9. Along with needing to use this path, many recreational runners and bikers use this stretch of road as a well-traveled route between different towns. Extending this small section of road would be a crucial first step in connecting parts of our town together for non-motorized use, and would ideally link to multi-use paths throughout the region.

As we work to build a cohesive community, our hope is that this multi-use path would allow for a *two-way* exchange between the Warner Village and Exit 9. This path should act as a signal to drivers, walkers, or bikers at Exit 9 that the Village exists, hidden from the highway, a mere mile away. We have had limited success navigating the signage requirement for a state road, and a multi-use path would bring a visual attractant to guide visitors towards the Warner Village. A significant number of elderly citizens live near Exit 9 and would be able to walk into the Village if proper infrastructure were in place. In the other direction, many people who work or shop at Exit 9 would be able to leave their cars at home in the Village and safely travel on the path to do their business. An Exit 9 development project was recently approved by the Planning Board so we are expecting a lot more foot traffic along Rt. 103 in both directions as both sections of our Town continue to flourish.

In the design of this pathway we expect that appropriate *signage* be designed to let visitors to Warner know that our Village is less than a mile from the rotary. This *signage* is critical to support of our main street businesses, and Warner's economy.

On behalf of the Economic Development Advisory Committee, we fully support this project. Members of this committee look forward to a safe, inclusive, and easy way for people to travel without cars.

Sincerely,  
Charles Albano  
Chair

Sarah Hansen  
Rail Trail Coordinator

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March 11, 2021

Diane Ricciardelli, Town Administrator  
 Town of Warner  
 PO Box 265  
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Dear Diane:

I am writing, on behalf of the Warner Head Start program, to express our strong support for the construction of a multi-use path connecting the Warner Village to the businesses at Exit 9. Many families accessing our building need to walk and/or bike that stretch of land and a multi-use path would allow a safer route of travel. The Head Start building is located on route 103, Main Street, where the multi-use path will pass in front of our building and where families arrive by foot with children.

Our Head Start program would be accessible to more Warner families if they were able to safely walk to the building in which our classroom is located. A multi-use path will provide safety for all the families of Warner.

Head Start is excited to support this project! Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

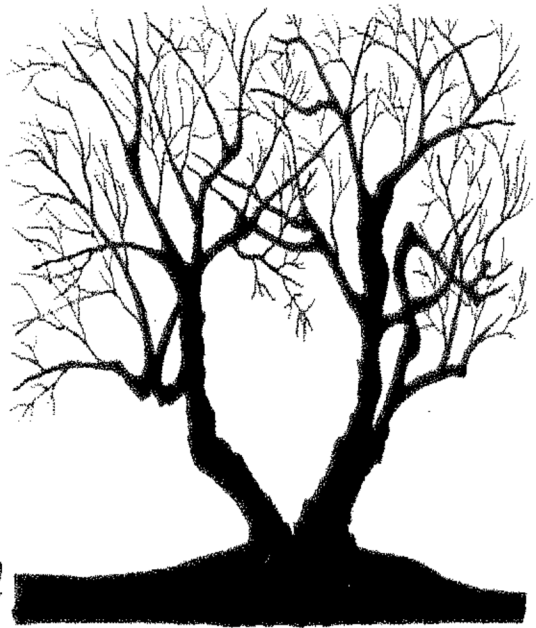
Beth Hennessey, Director  
 Head Start/Early Head Start/Child Care

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 HS Warner support letter

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# W MAIN STREET WARNER, INC.

*a community non-profit foundation*



March 12, 2021

I am writing on behalf of MainStreet Warner, Inc. to express our support of a multi-use path connecting the Warner Village to the businesses at Exit 9.

MainStreet Warner, inc. identifies and addresses community needs in ways that build connections between education, the arts, food security and ecological living practices.

Through supporting local organizations, businesses, artists, musicians, educators and farms, MainStreet Warner, Inc. supports the greater Warner community by creating partnerships and places to come together for entertainment, relaxation, and learning.

One way that we connect is by being able to safely travel from one part of town to the other. The multi-use path will provide a safe way for pedestrians and cyclists to shop, work and attend events. The multi-use path will be part of a larger Rail Trail that connects Concord to Sunapee, and we are confident that this path will encourage more people to our area, which will help our businesses grow.

We fully support the multi-path construction project.

Thank you for your consideration.

Donna Vezina-McGinley  
Executive Director

**“Something Wonderful is Happening in Warner” – Jim Mitchell**

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Warner Parks and Recreation is in full support to continue the sidewalk from downtown Warner to the connecting sidewalk by the roundabout to the additional town services we provide, such as Market Basket and McDonalds. This additional piece of sidewalk would allow residents and visitors a way to safely move through our town by bike or foot to connect downtown. Any strides that we can make as a community to make this happen will be worth the outcome.

Sincerely, Apryl Blood, President of Warner Parks and Rec.

# Simonds School

*Tim Stokes*  
*Ed.D., Principal*

*Kim Bragg*  
*Guidance Counselor*



*Jamie Malhoit*  
*Assoc. Dir. of Student Services*

*Janet Meade*  
*School Nurse*

March 3, 2021

I am writing to express my support as the principal of Simonds Elementary School for a multi-use path connecting the Warner Village to the businesses at Exit 9.

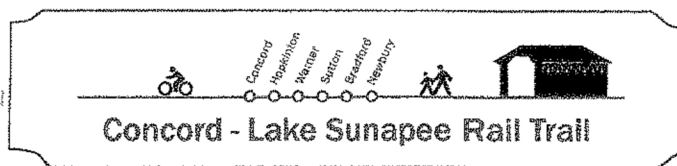
Simonds School supports about 170 kindergarten through fifth grade students in the town of Warner. Many of these students and their families would utilize this path for multiple purposes. Currently, we have parents who work in businesses at Exit 9. Other students live along this proposed path. In both instances, students and families would utilize this path to walk and/or bike along that stretch to commute back and forth from school. Additionally, I know of several instances where families have walked back and forth between homes along this proposed path for play dates or other social outings.

As you are aware, two children were tragically killed along this stretch of road. These deaths have had a lasting impact on our entire community, especially families who enjoy walking and biking together to get to businesses at Exit 9. A multi-use path will provide safety for the children of Warner.

As the school principal, it is my goal to keep all children safe not only within the building but also as they commute back and forth from school either by walking, driving or biking in the community. The multi-use path will provide a safe way for children and families to travel. On behalf of the children, staff and teachers in Warner, I fully support this project and look forward to a safe route for students to travel.

Sincerely,

Tim Stokes, Ed.D.  
tstokes@kearsarge.org



Diane Ricciardelli  
Town Administrator  
Town of Warner  
5 East Main St  
Warner, NH 03278

March 15, 2021

Diane,

The Friends of the Concord-Lake Sunapee Rail Trail supports the Town of Warner's application for a multi-use path along Rt 103 (Main St) in Warner between Roslyn Ave and North Rd.

As our organization works to create a 34 mile multi-use trail from Horseshoe Pond in Concord to Lake Sunapee in Newbury we applaud efforts within the 6 towns along our route to make their communities more walkable and bikeable. The town of Warner's TAP application makes a vital connection for walkers and cyclists along a very busy state route that is also the town's Main St.

The loss of two lives along this section of road is two too many. Countless additional trips on foot and by bike have not taken place because its so scary for vulnerable road users to be on the existing shoulders. This project would satisfy the existing pent up demand for a safe route between these sections of Warner. That demand is only going to increase as businesses on both ends of this route continue to grow in number.

This is an ideal TAP application. It joins together a multiuse path on the western end of the project with sidewalks and side streets at the eastern end of the project enabling both pedestrians and cyclists to safely reach the two areas in town where the majority of town retail businesses are located.

The Friends of the Concord-Lake Sunapee Rail Trail hopes to make a connection in from the west to the Evans Expressmart that would create a safe bike/ped extension to this project for rail trail users. These projects take time. This current proposal is very worthy with multiple vital destinations at both ends, existing infrastructure at both ends needing this connection to become a network, strong community desire in Charettes, the Master Plan, and local polling. Please fund this project.

Best regards,

*Timothy S. Blagden*

Timothy Blagden  
Board President  
Friends of the Concord-Lake Sunapee Rail Trail  
PO Box 610  
Warner, NH 03278



March 11, 2021

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to voice support for the construction of a multi-use path connecting the Warner Village to the businesses at Exit 9. Many people need to walk and/or bike using that stretch of road which can be a bit daunting. Warner Connects NH operates a food pantry and community resource center on this route. We have many people from Warner who come to us for food and supplies, a lot of these people are seniors (North Ridge Senior Housing is located just behind this route as well). Having a safe route for residents to travel will make it easier for people without a vehicle to reach us when it is convenient for them and not only when they can get a ride. A multi-use path will provide safety for the families of Warner.

Warner Connects NH enthusiastically supports this project!

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Lori Garrett

Executive Director

Warner Connects NH

**Warner Connects NH – Community Resources and Food Pantry**  
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WARNER  
*Fall  
foliage*  
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March 10, 2021

Diane Ricciardelli  
Town Administrator  
P.O. Box 265  
Warner, NH 03278

Dear Diane,

I am writing, on behalf of the Warner Fall Foliage Festival, in support of the multi-use path on Route 103. Every year, since 1947 (except for during COVID), the Town hosts the Warner Fall Foliage Festival where ten thousand-plus people come to the Town for three days. They park at the Nichol's field on Route 103, and Split Rock Road off of Route 103; both of these parking areas will be serviced by the multi-use path. From there they either walk or take a shuttle bus to the center of Town for the festival. A multi-use path would provide a safe way for people who are walking, especially at dusk, and it is difficult to see them on the side of the road. Many guests ride bikes from Concord and this multi-use path will connect Concord to Sunapee, traveling through Warner and making it possible for more people to attend the festival and exercise.

For hundreds of our guests, this is their first exposure to Warner, and many residents move here as a result of their first visit. It is in our best interest to provide a safe environment for people to move around Town.

I look forward seeing this project get started. If I can be of any assistance, please ask.

Sincerely,



Ray Martin  
President  
Warner Fall Foliage Festival



Andover, Bradford, Contoocook, Danbury, Henniker, Hopkinton, Newbury,  
New London, Salisbury, Sunapee, Sutton, Warner, Webster, Wilmot

March 12, 2021

Diane Ricciardelli, Town Administrator  
Town of Warner  
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Dear Diane,

I am writing on behalf of the Kearsarge Area Chamber of Commerce to express our support of a multi-use path connecting the Warner Village to the businesses at I-89 Exit 9. The Kearsarge area is full of outdoor activities for people across the state to enjoy including Rollins State Park, The Hopkinton Fair, the Warner Fall Foliage Festival, the Indian Museum, and many covered bridges, to name a few. The construction of a multi-use path on Route 103 is part of a larger rail trail project that connects Concord NH to the Sunapee area. A construction project at I-89 Exit 9 was recently approved by the Warner Planning Board and we expect that additional business will be developed which will increase the traffic from the Warner Village to I-89 Exit 9. We welcome this path for making it safe for pedestrians and bikers to continue their route from Concord, stopping along the way to visit Warner shops, have something to eat, and to enjoy the scenery. The Warner Master Plan includes support of a rail trail to connect Warner to Concord, Sunapee, and beyond.

As the President of KACC we fully support this project and look forward to a safer route for everyone traveling on Route 103.

Thank you for your consideration,

Daniel E Watts  
KACC President  
dan.watts@KearsargeChamber.org



March 16, 2021

Diane Ricciardelli  
Town Administrator  
5 East Main Street  
P.O. Box 265  
Warner, NH 03278

Dear Diane,

I am writing to express my support of the multi-use path connecting Warner Village to Exit 9 along Route 103. As the owner of MadgeTech in Warner, I see this path as a boon to recruiting talent and as a selling point for the company when people are considering employment with us. The path will provide a safe way for people to cycle to work.

This path is part of a larger rail trail project that extends from Concord through Exit 7 on Route 89 - where MadgeTech is located, and where I am developing plans for a cafe and museum next to MadgeTech. I am also including a section of rail trail on my property at Exit 7 and am especially excited that the rail trail path will eventually be connected to Sunapee where I also own The Anchorage Restaurant. We are looking forward to this project providing a way for everyone to travel in and around Warner from more areas of the state, bringing more people to our Town, and providing a safe method of travel for everyone.

I enthusiastically support this project and look forward to a multi-use path so that more people can travel safely along Route 103.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Norm Carlson", written over a horizontal line.

Norm Carlson  
President



National Park Service  
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16 March 2021

To the New Hampshire Transportation Alternative Program:

Please accept this letter in support of Warner's application to the NH Transportation Alternatives Program.

The Town of Warner wants to build a multi-use path from downtown to Exit 9 on I-89. It is a perfect project for the TAP funds: it creates a safe way for pedestrians and bicyclists to move between these two town nodes. The National Park Service's Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program (RTCA) supports this project as a great way to get people out of their cars and explore alternative ways to do errands, commute and get outside. It offers a safe route which also builds community as people pass their neighbors and fellow townsfolk at a human pace.

The Friends of the Concord-Lake Sunapee Rail Trail invited the National Park Service RTCA Program to work on the rail trail as well as improve outdoor spaces between Concord and Newbury. The dedication of the Friends of the Concord-Lake Sunapee Rail Trail is fantastic and deserves to be rewarded. Our joint goals of planning more sections of trail, building sections that are ready, and connecting children and adults to this great resource fit in with Warner's TAP application, as this project will allow people to move about safely while having fun! As we have learned in this COVID-19 year, being able to get outside has been crucial to our mental and physical health. While this project is not on the rail trail, it links critical pieces of the rail trail, allowing continuity for those seeking to travel longer distances. RTCA believes that the Town of Warner and the Friends of the Concord-Lake Sunapee Rail Trail will succeed with help from state programs such as TAP.

The National Park Service's Rivers and Trails Program supports this application and hopes that NH's TA Program also sees the value this request.

Sincere regards,

*Lefia R. Mellen*

Lefia R. Mellen  
New Hampshire Project Director

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To: Diane Ricciardelli,  
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March 17, 2021

Dear Diane,

Community Action Program Belknap-Merrimack Counties, Inc. has enjoyed a longstanding relationship with the town of Warner for many years. We support the town of Warner's application to create a paved multi-use path along the edge of Rte. 103 between North Rd and Warner Village. We feel the concept as presented would provide benefits and opportunities to the residents of Kearsarge Senior Housing.

The National Institute on Aging suggests that regular aerobic activity such as walking has health benefits across the board for older Americans. The advantages of walking as exercise include alleviation of arthritis symptoms, less anxiety and depression, and overall heart health, among other perks. This project would allow the residents to reach town services and other destinations by providing healthy exercise.

We look forward to hearing about the details of the plan.

Respectfully,

Jeanne Agri  
 Chief Executive Officer  
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# TOWN OF WARNER



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Diane Ricciardelli,  
Warner Town Administrator  
PO Box 265  
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March 17, 2021

Dear Diane,

The Selectmen of the town of Warner would like to express our strong support of construction of a multi-use path connecting the Warner Village to the businesses at Exit 9 off Route 89 on Route 103 West, in Warner. A multi-use path offers a safe way for pedestrians and cyclists to travel on a stretch of road that has taken the life of two elementary students in Town. Although Main Street is convenient for motorized users, it has not proven as effective for pedestrians that frequently travel this route by foot or for cyclists.

The need for a safer, established sidewalk system has been of high importance to not only Town officials, but also many residents. Residents who work at Exit 9 businesses will be able to safely walk or bike to work. Buying groceries at Market Basket will be made easier for people who wish to walk or may need to walk like those living in the elderly housing complex not far from the Exit 9 area. The lack of a defined lane currently makes walking dangerous especially at dusk when it is generally difficult to see pedestrians unless they are wearing florescent clothing. A multi-use path will provide safety for the families of Warner to bike together to McDonalds and the other Exit 9 eateries for a rest stop and refreshments.

The benefit of this multi-use path goes far beyond residents of Warner. It extends to residents who drive to the rail-trail and pick up the trail anywhere along the route. These residents, and visitors to New Hampshire will also shop in our local establishments, eat in our restaurants, hike to Rollins State Park, cross-country ski to our coffee shoppe, and ride bikes through the Kearsarge area. The Warner Master Plan includes and supports the rail trail. It has been a goal of the Town that extends a warm welcome to our neighbors throughout the state.

We enthusiastically support this project.

Thank you for your consideration,

Warner Select Board  
Clyde Carson, Chairman  
Jonathan Lord  
Sam Bower



Warner Conservation Commission  
March 18, 2021

Diane Ricciardelli  
Town Administrator  
5 East Main Street  
Warner, NH 03278

Dear Ms. Ricciardelli,

The Warner Conservation Commission enthusiastically supports your application to NH DOT for a multi-use path along Main Street from the village business district to the commercial district down near Exit 9 on Interstate 89.

The conservation commission favors every opportunity to get people out of their cars. Fewer car trips will put less carbon from tailpipes into the air, will improve air quality and encourage people to walk from the village to destinations like Market Basket and the hardware store. A multi-use path will also encourage a two way exchange enticing visitors from the interstate to venture up the hill to enjoy our lovely NH village and the local businesses located there. Overtime we expect that Warner residents will become healthier as they walk or ride their bikes to businesses on both ends of town.

Members on the conservation commission remember all too well two separate incidents when a child was killed while riding a bike in the village alongside state Route 103, which also serves as Warner's Main Street. A multi-use path will make the local environment safer for everyone, children and adults as well.

The Warner Conservation Commission sincerely hopes that NH DOT will give serious consideration and fund the creation of a much needed multi-use path on Warner's Main Street.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy Martin". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Nancy Martin, Chair  
Warner Conservation Commission