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MEMORANDUM

To: Planning Board

Date: June 8, 2007

From: Roland Bartl, AICP, Town Planner

Subject: Walking Trail at QRCC – Hazelnut Street to Nagog Hill Conservation Land

Staff is requesting direction on whether to press forward with the construction of the trail or whether the Board is willing or inclined to wait until a decision is made on the possible housing development on QRCC land. The trail was a condition of approval and part of the approved plan as per Planning Board decision 02-06.

Roland Bartl

From: Roland Bartl
Sent: Tuesday, June 05, 2007 11:51 AM
To: Kim DelNigro
Cc: Jim Snyder-Grant; Tom Tidman
Subject: RE: QRCC access trail to Nagog - next steps

Kim:

Please place this matter on the next Planning Board agenda for discussion. No appointment - just to ascertain the general sense of the Board.

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-----Original Message-----

From: jim.snyder.grant@gmail.com [mailto:jim.snyder.grant@gmail.com] On Behalf Of Jim Snyder-Grant
Sent: Thursday, May 31, 2007 4:03 PM
To: Tom Tidman; Roland Bartl
Subject: Re: QRCC access trail to Nagog - next steps

Tom: You are the man!

Tom, Roland: I talked to Dennis.

He repeated some of what he (apparently) also talked to Roland about: what with the new plans in the works for housing, he thought we might want to revisit the trail concept. I stated that we really wanted a way for folks to walk in to the Nagog woods from 2A. He said that if the housing goes forward, an alternate route might be via sidewalks plus a shorter trail. He said he would check with the owners on this issue and get back to me. He recognized that a possible next step would be to meet with Roland and/or the planning board as part of the renegotiation process. He took my number & said he'd keep me in the loop.

I'll update the land stewards at our meeting next Wednesday. Please let me know if this topic is coming up at either conscom or Planning board. I just want 2A walking access to Nagog - if some of that is sidewalks that's OK by me.

-Jim

On 5/31/07, Tom Tidman <ttidman@acton-ma.gov> wrote:

> Hi Jim,

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> Dennis Ring's cell number is: (978)-360-2723.

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> -----Original Message-----

> **From:** jim.snyder.grant@gmail.com [mailto:jim.snyder.grant@gmail.com]

> **On Behalf Of** Jim Snyder-Grant

> **Sent:** Thursday, May 31, 2007 3:37 PM

> **To:** Tom Tidman; Roland Bartl

> **Subject:** Re: QRCC access trail to Nagog - next steps

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> The Northwest phone number is disconnected & the NW office on 2A is
> empty with a 'for lease' sign. Hmm.. any clues on how I should follow
> up on this now?

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> On 5/3/07, Jim Snyder-Grant <jimsg@newview.org> wrote:
> > Hi Tom & Bob:
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> > Joan and I met with Roland today to chat about that trail easement.
> > My
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> > conclusion is that our next step is for us to contact Dennis Ring of
> > Northwest to verify that he flagged the boundary to the right of the
> > pedestrian entrance to QRCC from the acorn park development, (maybe
> > that's Hazelnut street?). After that - get his permission to wander
> > out there from time to time to flag the possible trail. Then do the
> > wandering (I gather there's a tricky wetlands to figure out).
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> > Tom: is that consistent with what you know & think? Can I contact
> > Dennis, or would you rather? Then I can set the usual
> > trail-designers loose on the site...
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> > -Jim
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