

**From:** [Helen Webster](#)  
**To:** [Conservation Commission](#)  
**Subject:** Hybid Farm  
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Dear Conservation Committee Members,

I have heard from Rita McConnor that the commission is concerned about the use of conservation land to graze horses. As both a neighbor and parent of a rider at Hybid I wanted to tell you of my family's experience.

We have lived on Long Ridge Road for over nine years. During this time we have moved from going on "a little walk to see the horses" with our young children to taking longer walks in the woods with our growing children and dog. I have met horses on trail rides on only two occasions during all these years. Both times I was able to walk past the horses and continue walking without being delayed. Usually when walking I do not notice the horses in their enclosure in the woods, they do not impact my enjoyment of the woods in any way.

My son started riding at Hybid about five years ago. I am not a rider myself, being a little wary of both ends of the horse, however we were made to feel so welcome immediately. Hybid Farm is more than a place to learn to ride, you are made to feel like members of a warm family when you are there. This makes it a very special place.

I hope Hybid Farm will be able to continue as it has in the past. It will be much missed if they have to relocate.

Sincerely,

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**From:** [Owen Webster](#)  
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Dear Members of the Conservation Committee,

I am a rider at Hybid Farm and I want to tell you what Hybid Farm means to me. I have ridden there since 2006 and I really enjoy it there. It would not be the same without the many horses that you can become friends with, and I would hate to have horses leave the barn. Many people love it there, even those who don't participate in the lessons. Rita rescues horses and gives them a home when no one else wants to take them. Horses mean a lot to me, especially the Hybid horses. I think that if you take any horses away it will make sad faces and tears here.

Sincerely,  
Owen Webster