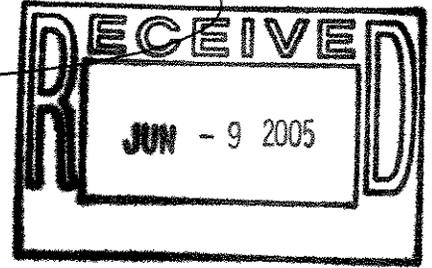


SELECTMEN'S BUSINESS 6/13/05



June 2, 2005

Acton Board of Selectmen
Town Hall
Acton, MA

Dear Members,

I am appealing to you to assist Freedom's Way Heritage Association by showing your continued support in the effort to attain the designation of a state and national Heritage Area for the thirty-seven communities in Massachusetts. A hearing on the legislation will be held on June 21 in the State Senate to examine our qualifications and support. Thus a letter from the Acton Board of Selectmen would be very helpful for that presentation.

The Acton Board of Selectmen has been most encouraging since the beginning of our pursuit to attain a state and national designation. We hope we may count on your preparing such a letter at this time. A sample letter is enclosed to assist with its draft.

With appreciation and confidence in your support,

Sincerely,

Tori Beyer

P.S. The deadline for the letter is June 15.

*Please send your letter to:
Freedom's Way Heritage Assoc.
100 Sherman Ave.
Devens, Ma. 01434*

Thank you

[On Letterhead]

Freedom's Way Heritage Association
100 Sherman Avenue
Devens, MA 01434

RE: Support for Designation as a Heritage Area

Dear Freedom's Way:

_____ *[Your town, city or organization]* _____ is pleased to support legislation designating Freedom's Way a state and national heritage area. The region identified by Freedom's Way is unique and encompasses an important evolution of American history, landscape and thought.

[Insert information about your organization and goals, if desired]

Freedom's Way is home to some of the most well-established and respected museums, cultural institutions and historical societies that strive to tell the stories of our cultural heritage from a national, state and local perspective. With designation, Freedom's Way can provide vital coordination to link them together.

Currently, heritage tourism has been an economic boost for the Commonwealth and your designation can only enhance this economic benefit. In addition, the preservation efforts will highlight many aspects in communities all over the Commonwealth, which will not only bring visitors but also provide many educational opportunities for our students and academics alike.

We wholeheartedly support the designation of the Freedom's Way Heritage area and applaud your continued efforts on our behalf

Sincerely,

Name
Title
Organization