



## Friends of the West River Trail

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Melvin Mayo  
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Dear Mr. Mayo,

This letter is a follow up to my letter to you on May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Again we request that you move your no-trespassing signs from Green Mountain Power utility poles to the edge of your property, as well as any other signs or barriers you may have placed on the trail.

Perhaps some of the ownership confusion comes from the Dummerston tax map that shows your Parcel 744 as 4.8 acres and extending all the way down to the West River. As you know, tax maps do not control property boundaries; rather it is the underlying deeds that define property boundaries. I am attaching a letter from Eric Morse, who is a professional land surveyor that we hired to clarify the situation. You can see from his research, and from your own deed, that the western border is defined as the edge of the railroad bed and it never included the rail bed or the land between the rail bed and the West River. To help you visualize this, I'm attaching a map that shows both of your parcels, the trail, the river, and the adjoining David property.

We feel that it is important that users of the trail respect the private property boundaries at the edge of the trail. Once the no-trespassing signs are at the edge of your property we will be happy to work with you and the appropriate authorities should you encounter people straying off the trail onto your property.

Respectfully,

Jason Cooper, Chair  
Friends of the West River Trail – Lower Section

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