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Dear Peter and Alex,

At its May 21, 2014 meeting, the Hinesburg Trails Committee discussed the proposed Haystack Crossing development. We may have additional thoughts as the planning process proceeds, but we did want to relay to you, the Development Review Board, and the developer the Committee's interest in securing for the Town a 20' wide pedestrian easement along the northern edge of the property within the portion of the property that is now proposed to remain undeveloped (with the possible exception of the installation of solar panels). Such an easement would allow, at some point in the future, the creation of a trail extending west from the pedestrian path currently shown as ending near the northwest corner of the athletic fields. We're thinking that as Village density increases there will be more need for, but less opportunity to create recreational paths. We can envision a pedestrian loop that starts at the athletic fields, heads west along the northern boundary of the property, turns north along a future easement to Geprags Park, follows the Geprags trails to the southeast corner of Geprags Park, follows a future trail easement south to join the sidewalk along Ballards Corner Road, and then continues south to re-join the sidewalks proposed within Haystack Crossing. Many things will need to happen to make such a pedestrian loop possible. We see securing the easement described above as a first step.

I'd be happy to discuss this idea further with the two of you, the DRB, and the developer, as appropriate.

Regards,

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