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Dear Neighbor,

As you likely are aware, Hinesburg has several historic mill sites along Patrick Brook on town-owned land located at the end of Mill Street (near the intersection of Mechanicsville Road and the Richmond Road). Over the years the Hinesburg Historical Society has researched these sites, amassed a great deal of background information, and offered public talks and guided walks focused on the role of the mills in Hinesburg's development.

After last spring's well-attended guided tour of the mill sites, which was jointly hosted by the Hinesburg Trails Committee and the Historical Society, these two groups have been discussing how to make the mill sites more accessible and informative to the public. One idea is to install numbered posts at key spots along the existing trail, occasionally run a brush cutter over the trail, and eventually construct a simple wooden trail bridge over a small tributary to Patrick Brook. The numbered posts would match numbered photos and text in a booklet compiled by the Historical Society and available in hardcopy format from the Carpenter-Carse Library and in electronic format from the Town website (and also for the schools to use).

Before we move forward on this idea we would like to hear your reaction – both concerns and suggestions. By November 1 please send any thoughts you have to either: Lenore Budd, Chair, Hinesburg Trails Committee ([buddfamily@gmavt.net](mailto:buddfamily@gmavt.net) 484-4047) or Ann Thomas, Hinesburg Historical Society ([aadl@madriver.com](mailto:aadl@madriver.com) 482-3889).

Thank you in advance for your ideas.

Regards,

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