



Town of Lisbon

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Date: 2/15/2022

To: Commissioner Bruce Van Note
Maine Department of Transportation
16 SHS, Augusta, ME 04333-0016

From: Ryan McGee Interim Town Manager & Chief of Police

Reference: Permission in exploring the removal of the unused rails owned by DOT

Dear Commissioner Van Note,

On February 1st Lisbon town Resident and former Councilor Roger Bickford went in front of the Lisbon Town Council and requested permission to work with the Interim Town Manager Ryan McGee, to change the "rails to trails" in Lisbon Falls. This is in accordance with LD1133. The Lisbon Town Council gave permission to look into receiving permission in exploring the removal of the rails from DOT, pursuant to Title 23 MRSA section 75.

We would like to formally request the Maine Department of Transportation form a Rail Corridor Use Advisory Council to explore using the relevant unused section of the Lisbon Falls railroad corridor as a trail. This would be the section of tracks starting in Lisbon, by the Topsham line and going west and ending before River Road in Lisbon Falls.

Thank you for considering our request. Please feel free to call with any questions or for any assistance we may be able to provide throughout this process.

Respectfully,

Ryan McGee
Interim Town Manager
Chief of Police
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