



## TOWN OF WARNER

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Director of the DNCR;

This letter is directed to the NH Department of Natural and Cultural Resources with reference to New England Mountain Bike Association's (NEMBA) proposed "Mountain Bike/Multi-use Trail Project" in Rollins State Park on Mount Kearsarge. We respectfully ask to be consulted early in the process of decision-making and permitting.

The proposed project on New Hampshire State property will have a regional impact. However, Warner residents and the Town of Warner will be more directly affected by the project and any undesirable outcomes and adverse impacts.

The Warner Conservation Commission (WCC) has been told by the Department that there will be no opportunity for the public to voice its support or concerns during the State's review process. We believe this is a serious omission and does not align with the Department's responsibilities as a steward of our public lands.

The Warner Select Board takes seriously its authority to manage and care for the Town, particularly the statutory authority given by RSA 41 that includes caring for the Town's highways, safeguarding the Town's financial health and appointing Land Use Board and Conservation Commission members who oversee the orderly fulfillment of the Town's Master Plan. Additionally, the Select Board supervises the Town's Police, Fire and Emergency Management agencies to provide for the Town's safety.

Together, the above listed responsibilities are the charge that Warner's legislative body gives to their Select Board at the annual Town meeting. Given this fundamental responsibility, we request that the Town of Warner have an opportunity to speak about the impacts of the proposed "Mountain Bike/Multi-use Trail Project" on Mount Kearsarge and the Town of Warner.

Input from the Town and the public who value Mount Kearsarge is essential and inherently right in this instance. Input could be solicited, in part, at a public hearing where the people and the affected Town service agencies are allowed to speak.

The Warner Select Board appreciates your attention and looks forward to hearing from you.

Warner Select Board,

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