

March 26, 2003

Dear Ms. Degnan and Ms. Currier,

Thank you for your note requesting further information on our proposal for a Conservation Number Plate grant (titled "Town Conservation Properties Public Awareness Campaign") for Atkinson. Your letter asked for clarification on two issues: the conservation message being provided, and additional information on the content of the brochure

The conservation message in the brochure will stress the following points:

- Conservation efforts in Atkinson are to protect, preserve, and maintain public lands for the use of residents and others.
- Conservation lands are for enjoyment and to maintain the "look and feel" of Atkinson, defining the town's past, present, and future.
- The trail maps provided (in this brochure) are to encourage local residents to experience the natural environment of the lands that are part of their town's heritage.
- Conservation in Atkinson is entirely a volunteer effort. The Conservation Commission encourages groups and individuals to come forward and help in whatever way they can to maintain conservation lands and trails.

The general layout of the brochure would be as follows:

- INTRODUCTION, with opening states of purpose and content, as explained above.
- INDEX of trail maps, and an overall map of the town showing the location of conservation lands with trails. (There are several conservation and public lands that do not have trails, which will not be listed.)
- TRAIL MAPS, which will include:
  - Map of all known trails.
  - Markers or pointers to significant features or historical points of interest.
  - Names and/or color (blaze) markers of trails, if they exist.
  - Approximate length of each trail in miles, and relative difficulty of trail (easy, moderate, strenuous). Special notes ("unmaintained trail", "wet during springtime") will also be included as appropriate.
- DESCRIPTIONS OF LOCAL FLORA, FAUNA, AND GEOLOGY, if such exists and time and budget allow.

We hope this information helps. If there are additional questions, I can be contacted at home at 603-362-5441 or at work at 781-464-8352. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

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