

## Cummings, Valerie

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**From:** Shelley Winters  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 15, 2016 3:39 PM  
**To:** Bill Watson  
**Cc:** Erik Paddleford; Larry Keniston; Louis Barker; 'Gamache, Christopher'; Tom Jameson  
**Subject:** RE: Haverhill Rail Trail

Bill,  
The State purchased the Blackmount Branch from B&M Railroad for \$207,154 on December 29, 1997 and deeded it to the Town of Haverhill in 2004.

The branch was purchased with TE funds (project #12138) and Don Lyford was the project manager. Rail & Transit has a limited amount of files related to the project including some correspondences with the Town, internal memos, Release Deeds, and a copy of the G&C letter (which I have attached).

Please let me know if you would like to review any of the files we have.

Shelley

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**From:** Gamache, Christopher [mailto:Christopher.Gamache@dred.nh.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 15, 2016 3:09 PM  
**To:** Bill Watson; Tom Jameson; Shelley Winters  
**Cc:** Erik Paddleford; Larry Keniston  
**Subject:** RE: Haverhill Rail Trail

Hi Bill.

I know that line was transferred to the Town many years ago (late 90's or early 2000's). I think it may be two parcels though. The Town uses the section north of Town Hall/Bandstand at Rte 116 as an OHRV trail that connects to the Berlin Branch/Ammonoosuc Recreation Trail. And the portion to the south has nothing on it that I am aware of.

I don't believe we have any RTP funds on this portion for projects. We do give the local ATV club State grant funds to maintain this section, but I do not recall any RTP projects.

The corridor north of Rte 116 is snowmobile, OHRV, horse, bike, hiker, etc. I don't believe there are any uses south of 116.

Chris

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**From:** Bill Watson [mailto:BWatson@dot.state.nh.us]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 15, 2016 2:32 PM  
**To:** Tom Jameson; Shelley Winters; Gamache, Christopher  
**Cc:** Erik Paddleford; Larry Keniston  
**Subject:** Haverhill Rail Trail  
**Importance:** High

Hi All –

I am reviewing a letter I received from FHWA today from the Town of Haverhill NH.

It refers to a section of trail purchased with federal grant funds in the 2004 timeframe. Trail section is referred to as "Blackmount Branch".

The Town is reaching out in response to comments they received after submitting a drive permit to NHDOT D2 for a driveway over the top of the trail, providing access to a property for farm/agricultural products sales... There are a number of other discussions of permitted crossings on this same trail.

I have a couple of questions for whomever can help. I expect to be asked more from FHWA Thursday morning ...

- I see an old TE Project 12138 (94-23TE) that may be the project in question ... can anyone confirm?
- Is DRED aware of this area of any RTP funds used?
- Have you been involved in previous crossing permits?
- What is your knowledge of user types of the corridor?

Thanks!

Regards,  
Bill

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