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Mr. Richard Paganelli
Rec Path Committee Chairman
21 Pond Street
Georgetown, MA 01833

Dear Chairman Paganelli:

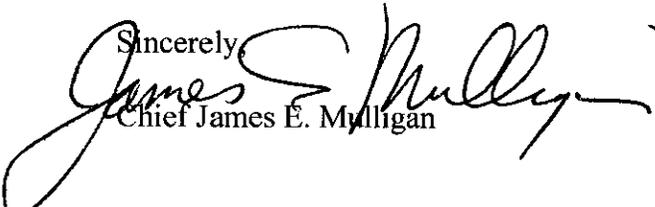
I have been asked for my professional opinion on the proposed Recreational Path which is to have a three and a half mile stretch in Georgetown, MA.

While employed with the Nashua NH Police Department, I had experience with the "Mine Fall Recreation Path", located on miles of paved and unpaved roads, used daily by joggers, people on bicycles, and nature walkers. It cut through neighborhoods of the city to the rear of hundred of residences. The incidents of crimes occurring in the area were low.

Abutters to this path felt the path enhanced their property because of the additional recreational use they received from being so close and being able to use the path without having to travel to this location.

I feel the proposed Recreational Path for Georgetown would also enhance the quality of life in our community giving people a nature way to walk, jog, bike and so on. Prior to the opening of the path I would work with the committee to look at the law enforcement concerns. Bike Officers, path signage, and other security measures could be implemented to make the path as safe as possible. Keeping in mind that crime happens everywhere. If you have any questions or concerns call me at 35-2-5700.

Sincerely,


Chief James E. Mulligan