
Fwd: Ramp construction

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Mon, May 1, 2023 at 3:09 PM

Jon,

Should I share this response with you or with the Select Board? My thought was you as Chair of the EDC, which is our source of funding.

Please advise.

Tom Weschler

Begin forwarded message:

From: David Green <dgreen@townofwoodstock.org>
Subject: RE: Ramp construction
Date: May 1, 2023 at 12:58:57 PM EDT
To: Tom Weschler <thomasweschler@gmail.com>

Tom,

It was very nice meeting you today. Your plans to bring the trailhead and a part of the trail into ADA compliance appears acceptable to me.

Respectfully,
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From: Tom Weschler <thomasweschler@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 1, 2023 12:09 PM
To: David Green <dgreen@townofwoodstock.org>
Subject: Ramp construction

David,

Thank you for meeting with me today regarding the wheel chair ramp that the Ottauquechee River Trail is to construct on the one-acre parcel that houses our trailhead. The Woodstock Select Board requested your involvement to make sure that we meet "ADA guidelines". As we discussed, there are no regulations under the Americans with Disabilities Act for outdoor activities.

You proposed that we use the US Department of Agriculture's Forest Service Trail Accessibility Guidelines. I mentioned that we are following the Access Board and Architectural Barriers Act (ABA) standards, which you said are even more stringent than those of the Forest Service Guidelines. You also indicated that using ABA standards was acceptable to you.

Here are the three key guidelines we will be following with the ramp construction:

- The ramp will be five (5) feet wide
- The ramp will be hardened with hardpack
- The ramp slope will be 8 degrees or less

Will the ramp's construction, if done to the above three guidelines, be acceptable and address the Select Boards concerns?

Best regards,

Tom Weschler

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