

Rights of Way Committee
Town of Rockport
Rockport, MA 01966
October 7, 2010

Dear Conservation Commission members,

As part of the long-term Rights of Way Committee effort to recover and preserve ROWs and paper roads in Pigeon Cove we have supported and worked with the Andrews Woods neighborhood group who have assumed the unofficial responsibility for maintaining this Town property. Unfortunately, this Town property is not protected from disposal by the Town.

The natural, undisturbed and undeveloped character of the area and the paths have been used for decades by Town residents and the general public for recreation and the enjoyment of nature. They provide the linkage to other well-established path networks in the area, including the Atlantic Path that connects to Halibut Point State Park and also the paths between Haven Ave. and lower Phillips Ave. This extensive interconnected trail system, open to the public, represents a valuable Town asset.

To protect this natural recreational area permanently the Andrews Woods group and the ROW Committee feel that the area would be best protected by being placed under the Conservation Commission as conservation land similar to the Kiernan Preserve, the Delamater property, Pine Pit or the Waring Fields.

The ad hoc Andrews Woods volunteers and the ROW have invested much time and toil in this Town property. Both groups are anxious to protect the Andrews Woods under ConCom auspices and will support your efforts to accomplish this goal.

Sincerely,

Phyllis Krenn,
ROW Chair

cc: Board of Selectmen