

TOWN OF NEWINGTON

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Town Planner

To: Open Space Committee
From: Town Planner Craig Minor, AICP
Date: September 6, 2019
Subject: Old Highway on Cedar Mountain

At the last meeting of the Open Space Committee the Committee discussed a complaint from a citizen that the Connecticut Humane Society on Russell Road has been denying members of the public access to Old Highway, which is an unimproved road that runs east-west across Cedar Mountain from Russell Road to Mountain Road. At the meeting I was asked to determine whether Old Highway is owned by the Town or is just a right-of-way across private property (i.e. either the Connecticut Humane Society or the Balf Company to the north). If the former, I was directed to prepare a letter from the Open Space Committee to the Town Council recommending the Council take action on this.

According to a 1997 site plan on file in the Town land records, Old Highway does in fact appear to be Town-owned. See attached site plan and an excerpt of the northeast corner. I will provide the Committee with a draft letter for its consideration under separate cover, prior to the meeting on September 11.

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