

MEETING NOTICE
CONVEYANCE OF PERPETUAL EASEMENT FOR THE HUNTINGTON TOWN FOREST
February 22, 2016 7:00 pm
TOWN OFFICE

On Monday, February 22, 2016 at 7:00 pm the Huntington Selectboard will hold a public meeting at the Huntington Town Office (downstairs) to discuss the Selectboard's intention to convey a non-exclusive perpetual right-of-way easement over a strip of land in the Huntington Town Forest. The easement will be thirty feet (30') in width, generally centered on an existing eight to ten feet (8'-10') trail, for winter use by the Catamount Trail Association, Inc. (CTA) and the general public from November through April as a back country ski and snowshoe trail.

The purpose of CTA, a non-profit corporation under the laws of the State of Vermont, is to develop, maintain and protect as a public resource the Catamount Trail, which is a 300-mile long back country ski trail that runs from Massachusetts to the Canadian Border and is the longest cross country ski trail in the country. The organization is committed to encouraging and expanding outdoor recreational opportunities, including backcountry skiing and snowshoeing, in the Easement Area, and recognizes, acknowledges and agrees that permanently protecting the Catamount Trail will provide for the recreational enjoyment of the general public and will yield a significant public benefit.

The conveyance of the easement will be signed by the Town on or about March 1, 2016 unless a petition is filed by February 29, 2016 by 5% of the voters in accordance with 24 VSA 1061 calling for a town special meeting or vote. The Town will retain ownership of the property. Costs for the conveyance of the easement will be paid by the Catamount Trail Association, Inc.

The Selectboard Meeting on February 22, 2016 will provide an opportunity to understand the details of the conveyance of the easement and inform the Selectboard about the opinions of Town residents regarding the conveyance.