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Dear Selectboard members,

Thank You for hosting last Saturday's informative meeting on the Crane Brook dilemma. At the meeting I agreed wholeheartedly with the opinion that the greater good is served by dedicating as much as possible of the Crane Brook Area to a trail. I still feel that way. The word "compromise" sticks in my throat when applied to self-centered Mr Demarest, and others who already have access to their property on another road. Gee, is everyone in town entitled to more than one access ??? He can build an access road across his own property like the rest of us. Did they not look before they purchased ??? The beavers, deer, moose, ferns and their wet environment was there first.

Keeping the ATV traffic, and anything that further damages the environmental quality out of there should be the top priority.

I was sorry there were not more voices in the discussion, but Mr Demarest does not invite civil discourse, and who would take on someone so foaming at the mouth with rage? The Shakespeares approached the Conservation Commission in 1989, according to my notes, about setting up a wild life / environmentally protected area. The first hearing we held also had objectors, [landowners] but our polls showed many many supporters. The townspeople have continued, numbers wise, to fully support protecting this area.

Please do not concede to the squeaky wheel.

  
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