

## **Wachusett Greenways- West Boylston**

Carolyn Padden, Chair, West Boylston Conservation Commission

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1. **Was concom of West Boylston involved in permitting process of trail (Wachusett greenway)?** yes
2. **Who was the applicant?** Town
3. **Does your town have a wetlands bylaw? Was this a WPA only permit or also under a bylaw?** No bylaw, Wetlands Protection and Watershed Protection (DCR)
4. **Was a NPDES permit required?** No
5. **Which resources were involved?** River and associated wetlands, river feed Wachusett Reservoir
6. **Were any state listed species involved?** No
7. **Were there any particular design challenges and how were they solved?**  
Steepness of slope to river – stairs were installed. Proximity to wetlands in some places – installed timber berm
8. **Did you consider alternatives for the trail surface? If so, why did you end up with the surface you have now?** Yes, stone dust is a permeable, hard surface which withstands the considerable foot, snowshoe, and ski traffic. Vehicular traffic not allowed except for maintenance
9. **Did the applicant have difficulty complying with the orders?** No
10. **Anything else you'd like to add about permit process** The process was a joint effort of the Town, DRC, and the Con Com. We also had valuable input from others who are involved in designing other sections of the trail.