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To: Board of Selectmen
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From: The Conservation Commission

Re: Path through Brandy Brow

Date: May 27, 2011

On May 24th, members of the Byways Committee met informally with the Conservation Commission to discuss the feasibility of putting a path through Brandy Brow. The purpose of this memorandum is to recap that discussion and lay out what the next steps might be.

The Con Comm. is in favor of the concept of a path through Brandy Brow subject to the approval of the heirs of Bob Woods, as required in his deed to the Town. The family has been contacted by letter dated May 16, 2011. We will wait for a response.

Pending a response from the Woods family, the following issues will have to be worked out.

- Permission from the State Highway Department/ West Tisbury Police to locate a crosswalk at the west end of the path by the Mill Pond crossing over to Brandy Brow.
- Negotiation and execution of an easement agreement between the Town and the Wells Family for access from the shared property line to State Road across from Alley's General Store. The ending location of such an easement will need the approval of the Police Department. This is a matter for the Board of Selectmen and the Byways Committee. Safety concerns are the bus stop and people crossing the road in front of the buses without using the cross walk.
- An alternative route to be investigated would follow the Maley driveway, past the Waldron property to the back of the library This would require a set of wooden or earthen stairs at the back of the library property but it would provide a safer exist to State Road at the crosswalk to Alley's than at the edge of the Wells property. An interpretation of the legal description in the deed of Brandy Brow to the Town would determine if the Town as a right of way over the first 163 feet of the Malay driveway and if there is the possibility on other easements or rights of way that would take a path to the library property.

