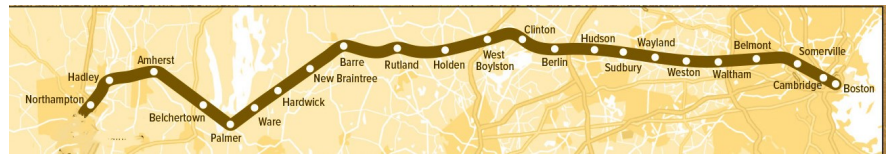




## MASS CENTRAL RAIL TRAIL —BOSTON TO NORTHAMPTON—104 MILES



Dear Friends of the Belchertown Greenway;

February 10, 2022

We are in receipt of your letter requesting funding that would be used to do an engineering survey on the former B&M RR bridge over the Jabish Brook in Belchertown. Here are some thoughts.

- We know this section of the old right-of-way (RoW) has been open as a town-owned trail for many years.
- We also know that the bridge has been a recipient of several RTP grants where the local snowmobile club has taken a leadership role in making sure that area is safer for four-season use.
- We also know that the report by Conservation Works a few years ago about the RoW in Belchertown flags out the bridge as a place where a look with a focus on engineering and structural issues should take place.

We support your pro-active approach and appreciate your reaching out to us. Here's what we can do to support your effort.

You have requested \$4,000. Our board has agreed to support \$2,000 and make a donation payable to the Town of Belchertown toward this specific project when the project has been supported by a matching \$2,000.

That match can be a combination of town funds and local fundraising efforts.

Thanks for your leadership.

Best regards,

Craig Della Penna  
Executive Director