

March 3, 2022

Dear Members of the Select Board:

We are writing to you to request the approval of the Eighth Annual Kids PMC Bike Ride to take place on June 11, 2022 from 8:30-11:30. The intention of the Winchester PMC Kids Ride continues to be to both raise cancer awareness and get Winchester students involved in giving back and being active in the community at an early age. Just like the adult Pan Mass Challenge bike ride, 100% of all rider raised donations will go directly to the Jimmy Fund and be used to support cancer research, patient care and families of patients currently involved in treatment. As you may recall from our previous requests, the ride originated eight years ago because of Robin's husband's own ongoing cancer battle. It was a meaningful way for her two girls, currently ages 11 & 16, to increase cancer awareness and funding among their peers. Since then, we have had many community families and businesses rally around the cause because of their own families' stories of cancer impacting them. We are so proud of the impact we have been able to make over the past 8 years.

Due to the pandemic, we have had to do our ride virtually the past 2 years. This has not allowed us to raise as much money as in years past. We are SO HAPPY though to be requesting this year's ride to be IN-PERSON at Lynch Elementary school and the surrounding neighborhood! This venue has proved to be embraced by the neighbors, Christine Capodanno and The Lynch Elementary School community, as well as Winchester in general. Historically, the families, volunteers, kids, DPW, Winchester Police Department, Lynch community and the neighbors living on the route's streets all come together as one to FIGHT CANCER! Upon your approval, we hope to replicate our original in-person route again this year. For the experienced riders, the route is comprised of a 1/2-mile loop that starts at Lynch Elementary School, turns left on Horn Pond Brook Road, right onto Carter Street, a right on Sylvester Avenue, a right back on Horn Pond Brook with a conclusion back at Lynch. There is a smaller loop in the Lynch parking lot for the less experienced riders. The route is a safe, manageable route for kids old and young. It also provides the perfect staging area at the school for extra activities such as bike decorating, photo booths, and card making for current Jimmy Fund patients. We understand that by using this route again, we will need police detail, insurance and our own portable toilets.

In years past, we have had the support of several key town figures that were in full support of the ride. They include Winchester Police Department, previous superintendent Dr. Evans, Rich Mucci, Michael Bettencourt, John Dupuis, Jay Gill and many residents in the proposed neighborhood. If you accept our proposal again, we plan to work closely with all of these individuals (as well as any other key figures and neighbors) to ensure that the children are all safe and that the neighborhood is disrupted as little as possible. We will work diligently to ensure that all communication lines between the operating parties will be effectively stated both leading up to and on the day of the event.

On a side note, we apologize for the delay in our request this year. We were waiting for approval to move ahead with in-person rides from the PMC headquarters due to the current ongoing pandemic. We are now confident that we can safely put on the event while adhering to all of the current MA and Winchester guidelines regarding the pandemic. We are hoping after reading this letter, we will have your support again and that the Eighth Annual Kids PMC Bike Ride will take place June 11, 2020. We are eager to make a difference TOGETHER again! Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

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Winchester PMC Kids Ride Coordinators