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Dear Rockport's OSRAC:

As a member of the department tasked with the stewardship of Massachusetts public lands, including Rockport's Halibut Point State Park, I'd like to express support for the efforts of local citizens towards preserving the current natural state of the town's Andrews Woods. Rockport does an extraordinary job of supporting access to its public land; we at Halibut Point conduct several Atlantic Path programs a year and find attendees appreciative of the access provided by the town of Rockport. Often during our program's return trip we are led on a hike through Andrews Woods by a neighbor of the parcel. The abutters have done a wonderful job of taking initiative in clearing paths and maintaining the property as well as educating us about its history. We have found large birds nesting there and a thriving transitional seaside hearth natural environment, making the Woods a wonderful place of both recreational and natural preservation activity. I do believe there is currently an exciting opportunity to maintain Andrews Woods as a public resource and support the efforts of Rockport citizens involved in this effort.

Sincerely,

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