

**Town of Barre
Recreation Board
Policy
Use of Electric Bicycles in the Town Forest**

1. Purpose of Policy:

The Barre Town Recreation Board (“The Board”) believes that electric bicycles (“ebikes”) are a means to increase access to and enjoyment of the Town Forest by individuals with mobility challenges consistent with the Public Access Easement that established the Town Forest. The Board seeks to allow use of any class of ebike that will have minimal impact on the safety of town forest users and the conditions of the trails.

2. Policy:

The Recreation Board permits what are commonly known as Class 1 ebikes to use the Town Forest mountain biking trail network, where a Class 1 ebike is defined as a bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling, and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour.

3. Effective:

This policy will be effective upon adoption. The Recreation Board will revisit the policy after the 2020 mountain biking season, with the season as defined by the Millstone Trails Association, at which time the Recreation Board may rescind the policy. If they do not choose to rescind the policy at that time, it will remain in effect.

Barre Town Recreation Board
Adopted: _May 1, 2020_____