Hello to you all,

My name is Michael Stevens. I grew up in the small town of Benedicta. I moved to Dexter in 1995. Things were a lot different in Dexter than in the county where I was from. I notice that many landowners have their places posted for hunting . Being new to the Town of Dexter I was looking for a place to get permission to hunt. I happened to meet Guy Elms from Sangerville. He gave me permission to hunt his land and he and I had become quite close over the years. Through many of our conversations Guy had told me of land that at that time bordered his land in Sangerville that was town owned property and was open for people to hunt on it. This property was a very good land to hunt. Many of the people that used this land did the up keep on the old town road that was used to access this property.

5 years or so ago Phil Kinny purchased a piece of land that bordered the town land. I met Phil within the first year of him buying his land and his land was posted so I had asked if I could have permission to hunt his land. He told me I could as long as I called him to make sure he was not there hunting. Now he is not allowing anyone on the town land or his land. A few years later he purchased the land across the road also. Now Phil does not allow anyone to access the town property due to the fact that he has put a gate up on the old town road. Phil believes he has the right to not allow anyone to access the town land. There is a farmer that has hay fields beyond the town property that has very limited access due to the gate being up.

Any one in Sangerville believes that this Town property is accessible to the public through this old road. It is not just this hunting land that will be affected. How can one landowner determine if I or anyone else can use my own land. How many old property owners went on the word or a hand shake over the years and now they can lose access to there own land because it is not a deeded right of way. Bill LD-928 would make it so this will happen.

Thank you for your time