

**Millbury Open Space Committee
Meeting Notes
Tuesday, September 18, 2007
6:30-7:45 p.m.
Millbury Public Library
Local History Room**

Members in attendance:

Laurie Connors, Everett Grahn, Randy Mogren, Bruce Nichols, Philip Nyberg, David Palleiko, Sarabeth Parada-Persiani, Brian Stowell

Members absent:

None

In preparation for the meeting, Laurie Connors mailed the agenda, the 1998 Open Space and Recreation Plan, results of the 2006 Open Space and Recreation Survey, and the Open Space and Recreation Plan requirements to each member of the Open Space Committee one week prior to the meeting.

After introductions, Laurie Connors explained the purpose of the Open Space and Recreation Plan, discussed the various requirements and the survey results. She asked for feedback from members on which scenic landscapes should be included within the plan. Members requested that the following roadways and landscapes be incorporated into the plan:

- Harris Road, Davis Road, McCracken Road, Auburn Road, Riverlin Street, Elmwood Road, Carleton Road, South Oxford Road
- Scenic views from Clearview Country Club (soon to be Clearview Estates)
- Scenic views from Mt. Ararat, including Old Common Road
- Scenic landscapes around ponds, particularly Ramshorn Pond
- Millbury Branch railbed

It was suggested that more enforcement of the Scenic Road Bylaw is necessary, and the Town should install “Scenic Road” signs that are similar to those in Auburn. It was also suggested that clean up days are necessary along the Millbury Branch railbed.

Members discussed environmental problems that should be included within the plan. Laurie Connors suggested including the following problems:

- Flooding
- Wetland degradation, pond filling
- Contamination of surface water associated with landfill; contamination of ground water associated with blasting
- Water quality issues
- Brownfield or hazardous waste site issues

Members agreed that the following additional problems should be included:

- Dam maintenance (particularly at Singletary Pond)
- McCracken Road (Johnson property) – 21E
- PCB problem in pond located near CVS

Everett Grahn agreed to provide information to Ms. Connors on Millbury's ponds, including weed treatment. In response to Ms. Connors request for a tour of Millbury's open space and recreation resources, Randy Mogren, David Palleiko and Brian Stowell volunteered to act as tour guides.

Ms. Connors asked members to come prepared to the next meeting to discuss Section 3 (draft distributed during meeting) and provide feedback.

The next meeting was scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 18th.

**Millbury Open Space Committee
Meeting Notes
Thursday, October 18, 2007
6:30-8:00 p.m.
Millbury Public Library
Local History Room**

Members in attendance:

Laurie Connors, Bruce Nichols, Philip Nyberg, David Palleiko, Brian Stowell

Members absent:

Everett Grahn, Randy Mogren, Sarabeth Parda-Persiani

After introductions, Laurie Connors distributed copies of written comments that she received on the Section 3 (Community Setting) 1998 chapter and 2007 draft from Phil Nyberg. She also distributed a draft of Section 4 (Environmental Inventory and Analysis) that she prepared and the Millbury Reconnaissance Report (Massachusetts Heritage Landscape Inventory Program).

Phil Nyberg highlighted some of the important points within his written comments. Laurie Connors said that she would incorporate these comments into the revised draft. None of the other members present identified any desired changes.

Brian Stowell provided a brief overview of the site visits that he and Laurie Connors made of various open space resources owned by the Conservation Commission and the MA Department of Conservation and Recreation. He suggested that the ruins of the estate buildings (the foundation and chimneys in particular) located within the Martha Deering Wildlife Management Area be secured to avoid safety problems. Also, historic material (i.e. newspapers and ledgers) is present at the site that might be of interest to the Millbury Historic Commission. Because these materials are open to the elements, time is of the essence if they are to be preserved. He suggested that the Town pressure the State to act on these issues.

David Palleiko said that the Conservation Commission doesn't have any plans to improve the open spaces under their jurisdiction because they don't have any money for this purpose. They do, however, have approximately \$78,000 in an account that may be used for purchasing land for open space purposes. Laurie Connors will ask the Conservation Commission clerk for the precise amount in the account. Mr. Palleiko explained to the Committee that no hunting and only unmotorized uses are allowed on Conservation Commission property.

Various suggestions made by members regarding Millbury's open space and recreation resources included:

- All large residential developments should be required to provide open space amenities.

- Buck Brothers land next to Dorothy Pond is a protection priority, however the Town should not accept ownership of the dams.
- Trail maintenance is necessary at the Davidson Sanctuary. In particular, trail marking and trail clearing is necessary.
- There may be the potential to construct a trail at Soles Swamp, however more investigation is necessary.
- The State should be encouraged to provide additional parking at the Martha Deering Wildlife Management Area.
- The State should be encouraged to provide access to the Merrill Pond Wildlife Management Area in Millbury.
- Parking areas are necessary at the Davidson Sanctuary and Colton Road. Approximately 2-3 parking spaces would be ideal.

Laurie Connors asked members to review the Millbury Reconnaissance Report and review and prepare comments on Section 4 for the next meeting.

The next meeting was scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 20th.

**Millbury Open Space Committee
Meeting Notes
Tuesday, November 20, 2007
6:30-8:00 p.m.
Millbury Public Library
Local History Room**

Members in attendance:

Laurie Connors, Everett Grahn, Bruce Nichols, Philip Nyberg, David Palleiko, Sarabeth Parda-Persiani

Members absent:

Randy Mogren, Brian Stowell

Laurie Connors distributed copies of written comments that she received on the Section 4 (Environmental Inventory and Analysis) from Phil Nyberg. She also distributed a draft paragraph on dams that she prepared for the Environmental Problems section of Section 4, a portion of Section 5 (Inventory of Lands of Conservation and Recreation Interest) and a table that identifies Millbury's Open Space and Recreation Resources.

Phil Nyberg highlighted some of the important points within his written comments on Section 4. Laurie Connors said that she would incorporate these comments into the revised draft. Phil Nyberg agreed to create a more in-depth buildout analysis, which would address one of the comments that he made regarding Section 3.

Members made the following additional comments:

- Phil Nyberg will obtain an inspection report of the Ramshorn Pond dam and give it to Laurie Connors.
- Laurie Connors will try to obtain the Dorothy Pond dam inspection report from Ken Schold.
- The Aquarion Water Company owns the Howe Pond dam. The water level is not actively managed therefore the water often overtops the dam. The Conservation Commission is starting to get after them about this.
- The Brierly Pond dam is privately owned (Windle Trust is believed to be the owner). The State owns the road over the Brierly Pond dam. Because the dam is unsafe and leaking, a beach is unrealistic at this time. Everett Grahn said that he will speak to the DPW Director to obtain additional information about the dam and provide that information to Laurie Connors.
- Section 4 should include a discussion of the Blackstone Canal, which is an important cultural resource in Millbury. Pieces of the loche are located near IBA. The prism is still evident behind Ray's True Value/County Heat Treat. Laurie Connors will

contact Cyndy Burr of the Millbury Historic Commission to obtain more information about the canal.

- Dave Palleiko suggested changing some of the language within the geology section. He said that the first paragraph is not accurate. He will draft new language for Committee review.
- Slight modifications were made to the Protected Land Inventory.

Laurie Connors asked members to review Section 5 and prepare to discuss the resource protection, community, and maintenance needs for the next meeting.

The next meeting was scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 18th.

**Millbury Open Space Committee
Meeting Notes
Tuesday, December 18, 2007
6:30-8:00 p.m.
Millbury Public Library
Library Director's Office**

Member Attendance:

	<i>Attending</i>	<i>Absent</i>
Laurie Connors	X	
Everett Grahn	X	
Randy Mogren		X
Bruce Nichols		X
Philip Nyberg	X	
David Palleiko		X
Sarahbeth Persiani	X	
Brian Stowell	X	

Meeting minutes from September 18, 2007, October 18, 2007, and November 20, 2007 were discussed. Phil Nyberg noted that his name was misspelled in a couple of locations. Brian Stowell made a motion to approve the September 18, 2007 minutes. Phil Nyberg seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Brian Stowell made a motion to approve the October 18, 2007 minutes with the minor spelling modification. Phil Nyberg seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Brian Stowell made a motion to approve the November 20, 2007 minutes with the minor spelling modification. Phil Nyberg seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Per discussion at the November meeting, Everett Grahn provided a copy of the Ramshorn Pond Dam inspection report.

The Town Planner distributed a copy of the latest version of Section 3 (Community Setting), which incorporates Committee suggestions from prior meetings.

The majority of the meeting was spent in review of 'Section 7- Analysis of Needs,' with the focus on identifying protection priorities.

The Open Space and Recreation Resources Map was frequently referenced and the following lot #'s from the assessor map were identified as priority:

- 1) 77-11
 - 2) 78-1
 - 3) 78-2
 - 4) 60-39
 - 5) 60-40
 - 6) 69-3
- Side bar comments: Dorothy Pond- need plot #'s, area off of Langway Farm, consideration for Mr. Dorsey's plot- far west Millbury

Additional committee member comments / actions:

- A discussion about the former pond on Howe Ave, which is now dried up was held and Brian agreed to call Franny King to determine if there is a problem with the dam.
- The Deering estate was in question (100 acres) and Laurie agreed to look it up on the Commonwealth MA search dB. In addition, Laurie to invite Ken Crater from the Grafton Trust to the next meeting w/ request for satellite images.
- There was discussion about Dwinell Road as part of the investigation about Ed Carrol's property.
- Everett to inquire about plans for the Ullman Farm.

The next meeting was scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 22nd. Laurie Connors set expectations for the next meeting as a continued discussion of this topic.

**Millbury Open Space Committee
Meeting Notes
Tuesday, January 22, 2008
6:30-8:00 p.m.
Millbury Public Library
Local History Room**

Member Attendance:

	<i>Attending</i>	<i>Absent</i>
Laurie Connors	X	
Everett Grahn	X	
Randy Mogren		X
Bruce Nichols	X	
Philip Nyberg	X	
David Palleiko		X
Sarahbeth Persiani		X
Brian Stowell	X	

After introductions, Laurie Connors passed out the minutes from the December 18, 2007 meeting, Phil Nyberg's comments on the Five Year Action Plan and Section 3 (Community Setting), revised Section 4 (Environmental Inventory and Analysis), and a draft of Section 5 (Inventory of Lands of Conservation and Recreation Interest).

Ms. Connors then introduced Ken Crater of the Grafton Land Trust. Ken Crater distributed a handout entitled "Resources for Land Conservation and Land Trust Formation in Central Mass." He explained the Grafton Land Trust's protection priorities and passed out a map depicting Grafton's permanently protected land within the vicinity of the Deering Estate. The trails shown on the map were tracked using a hand-held GPS.

Mr. Crater briefed the Committee on the Land Trust, which was founded in 1958, has a 12 member Board of Directors and meets monthly. Their operating expenses are financed through membership dues, donations and rental income (they own four rental properties, which were donated to the Land Trust). In the late 1990's, the Land Trust began acquiring land. Previously, the land trust had been largely devoted to educating the public about open space issues. They use a variety of methods to protect open space, including donations of open space, bargain sales and limited development (development and sale of small number of house lots finances permanent protection of remaining parcel or purchase/permanent protection of open space elsewhere in town). Funds to purchase open space is derived from grants (especially Self-Help funds from the Massachusetts Division of Conservation Services and funds from the MA Historic Commission), donations, fundraising, the Community Preservation Act, and limited development. Their success is largely due to successful partnerships with the Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee, the Trust for Public Land, and developers. The Trust for Public Land is a valuable partner, particularly when it comes to fundraising and determining land protection priorities. They also have a circuit rider, which assists towns with passage of the Community Preservation Act. Mr. Crater mentioned that attorneys affiliated with the Massachusetts Land Trust Coalition may be willing to donate their time and answer

legal questions, and that the directors and officers of a land trust should be covered by insurance, which costs approximately \$1,000 annually. Mr. Crater fielded a number of questions from the Committee.

The next meeting was scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 19th. Laurie Connors set expectations for the next meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

**Millbury Open Space Committee
Meeting Notes
Tuesday, February 19, 2008
6:30-8:00 p.m.
Millbury Public Library
Local History Room**

The February 19, 2008 meeting was cancelled due to poor attendance.

**Millbury Open Space Committee
Meeting Notes
Thursday, March 13, 2008
6:30-8:00 p.m.
Millbury Public Library
Local History Room**

Member Attendance:

	<i>Attending</i>	<i>Absent</i>
Laurie Connors	X	
Everett Grahn		X
Randy Mogren		X
Bruce Nichols		X
Philip Nyberg	X	
David Palleiko		X
Sarahbeth Persiani	X	
Brian Stowell	X	

Laurie Connors asked for comments on the latest revisions of Sections 3 (Community Setting), Section 4 (Environmental Inventory and Analysis), and Section 5 (Inventory of Lands of Conservation and Recreation Interest). Phil Nyberg provided a brief overview of his written comments on those three sections.

Conversation continued on the Open Space and Recreation Resources Draft Map. Protection priorities were identified as: Gustafson parcel off of Colton Road, undeveloped land south of Dorothy Pond, various parcels abutting Old Common Road, and the railroad right-of-way over Dorothy Pond. The Committee agreed that goal was to create a greenway network that would link to protected open space in Grafton.

Laurie Connors distributed Draft Sections 6 (Community Goals) and 7 (Analysis of Needs) and provided a brief overview. Brian Stowell suggested that certification of vernal pools would be a great school or eagle scout project. He also agreed to call Dudley and Harwich to obtain additional information on their skate board parks, including how they were financed. Laurie Connors offered to find out what the Conservation Commission's wetland protection fund money can be used to finance. The Committee discussed the possibility of having the Open Space Committee continue as the implementation coordinator.

Possible dates for the next meeting were identified as Thursday April 3rd and Thursday, April 10th. Although those present did not set a definitive date, they agreed that Thursday, April 10th was preferable. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

**Millbury Open Space Committee
Meeting Notes
Thursday, April 10, 2008
6:30-8:00 p.m.
Millbury Public Library
Local History Room**

Member Attendance:

	<i>Attending</i>	<i>Absent</i>
Laurie Connors	X	
Everett Grahn		X
Ron Marlborough	X	
Bruce Nichols		X
Philip Nyberg	X	
David Palleiko	X	
Sarahbeth Persiani		X
Brian Stowell		X

Ron Marlborough was introduced to the Committee as the newest representative from the Parks and Recreation Committee. Randy Mogren is ill and therefore can no longer attend meetings. Laurie Connors explained the purpose of the Open Space and Recreation Plan and discussed the various components for his benefit. She also updated Dave and Ron on discussions at the last meeting, which they missed. Dave Palleiko gave Laurie Connors his revised narrative for the geology and soils sections of the Plan.

Laurie Connors handed Committee members draft Section 6 (Community Goals) and Section 7 (Analysis of Needs) and provided highlights from these sections. Phil Nyberg said that the Town's land area should be verified as it differs in two locations. He also briefly went over his suggested changes on these sections, and suggested that the Plan incorporate a report card on how well Millbury met the goals of the 1998 Open Space and Recreation Plan. He handed out a draft report card, which analyzes progress on community goals from the Master Plan and Open Space and Recreation Plan. He suggested that the goal concerning agricultural zoning be reexamined as the Town may lack a sufficient quantity of large parcels to justify the rezoning. It was also discussed that potential vernal pools identified by developers as part of a development proposal must be certified. Laurie Connors agreed to verify if this was the case with Andrea Paquette, Clerk of the Conservation Commission.

Ron Marlborough responded to a number of questions regarding the maintenance of the Town's parks. He said that the parks are in need of playground equipment; the previous playground equipment was removed for insurance reasons. They want to purchase new, safer equipment. They also want to raise the money necessary to make the parks ADA accessible. This is difficult as the Parks and Recreation Committee have a difficult time getting grants because of the lack of a grant receptor (503c status) and trouble getting allocations for parks at Town Meeting. The merits of creating a "Friends of the Parks" entity were discussed.

The Committee discussed possible locations for the skateboard park. They agreed that it makes the most sense to have the park in a downtown location.

Laurie Connors handed out drafts of the Water Resources Map and Surficial Geology and Soils Map. Dave Palleiko suggested that she change the symbol for the Wellhead Protection Area DEP Zone II on the Water Resources Map. She agreed to do so.

The next meeting was scheduled for May 1st. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

**Millbury Open Space Committee
Meeting Notes
Thursday, May 1, 2008
6:30-8:00 p.m.
Millbury Public Library
Local History Room**

Member Attendance:

	<i>Attending</i>	<i>Absent</i>
Laurie Connors	X	
Everett Grahn	X	
Ron Marlborough		X
Bruce Nichols		X
Philip Nyberg	X	
David Palleiko		X
Sarahbeth Persiani	X	
Brian Stowell	X	

Two guest speakers from the Dudley Conservation Land Trust, Sandy Peterson and Mark Smith were present to share background of how they established their organization, as well as key considerations should there be interest to establish an initiative in Millbury.

To begin, Mark shared that it is interesting to note that the state of Massachusetts is second only to California as having the largest number of land trusts on record.

A grant from the Greater Worcester foundation allowed them to do an initial 'town-wide' mailing to introduce their mission and encourage membership. The 4000 piece 'membership drive' cost approx. \$1,500 and resulted in eighty seven members. Membership fees collected were \$15 dollars/person and \$10 for senior citizens. Current uses for fees that are collected fall into the following categories:

- Land acquisition
- Operations
- Stewardship
- Credit-line

Board construct: Presently they have nine members on their board, four of which are active and include background professions such as naturalist, photographer, finance person and attorney.

The general discussion was with regard to the significance of having a land trust to balance against over development. The OSRD (Open Space Residential Design) concept of smart growth was mentioned in context of how town residents benefit from land preservation, as it can help to maintain and/or increase the value of homes.

Summary of tips and suggestions:

- A well-thought mission statement is critical and should encompass charter, not be ‘too limiting’ and fully describe the land trust function.
- Give consideration as to how to organize the board and their roles. A comment was made that Sturbridge benefits from having a biologist and geologist on their board. Having a land protection attorney is also a plus.
- The Opacum Land Trust is an invaluable resource for information → <http://www.opacumlt.org/>
- Additional key sources of information include other Land Trust organizations and the Land Trust Alliance.
- Consider becoming a non-profit “501C3” so that donators can benefit from tax breaks. Non-profit status also allows eligibility for numerous grants.
- An expectation that a lot of ‘filings and paperwork’ is involved and required to make progress. Examples include the necessity of filing tax returns, creating by-laws, reporting on annual meetings etc. Success is possible with patience and diligence.
- Key activities/events to ‘get the word out’ include; awareness workshops, fundraising events, earth days, Audubon guest speakers, clean-up days, newspaper articles and newsletters
- Key collateral to have available; brochures and business cards

Closing comments included a caution from Sandy and Mark ‘never to push land owners into something they do not want to do’, but to act as well informed advocates. A brief discussion at the end of the meeting detailed the relevance of a land trust within Millbury due to dwindling open spaces and increasing build out. Laurie Connors mentioned a number of pending developments and commented that in comparison to Dudley, there is greater urgency and a dire need in Millbury to preserve what little open space remains.

The following books and pamphlets were kindly donated from the Dudley Conservation Land Trust and are available for review in the Department of Planning and Development:

1. “Preserving Family Lands: Book 1 Essential Tax Strategies for the Landowner” by Stephen J. Small
2. “Preserving Family Lands: Book 2: More Planning Strategies for the Future” by Stephen J. Small
3. “Land Conservation Options: A Guide for Massachusetts Landowners” by the Trustees of Reservations
4. Printout from MA Land Trust Coalition website entitled “Starting a Land Trust in Massachusetts”

The next meeting was scheduled tentatively for May 22nd. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

**Millbury Open Space Committee
Meeting Notes
Thursday, May 29, 2008
6:30-8:00 p.m.
Millbury Public Library
Local History Room**

Member Attendance:

	<i>Attending</i>	<i>Absent</i>
Laurie Connors	X	
Everett Grahn	X	
Ron Marlborough		X
Bruce Nichols	X	
Philip Nyberg	X	
David Palleiko		X
Sarahbeth Persiani	X	
Brian Stowell	X	

Notes:

Brian Stowell made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from December 18, 2007. Everett Grahn seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Brian Stowell made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from January 22, 2008. Phil Nyberg seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Brian Stowell made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from February 19, 2008. Everett Grahn seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Everett Grahn made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from March 13, 2008. Phil Nyberg seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Phil Nyberg made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from April 10, 2008. Everett Grahn seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Phil Nyberg made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from May 1, 2008. Brian Stowell seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The meeting began with a review of the map section of the Open Space plan.

- 1) The Water Resources map was reviewed and the committee agreed that it appeared accurate.
- 2) The Open Space Resources map was reviewed and Laurie noted that this was a work in progress as a result of issues w/ the complexity of the application. The largest open space resources were labeled so as not to clutter with too much detail. Sarahbeth made the suggestion to label the key recreation areas and consensus was reached for the following locales: Greenwood St. Playground, Washington St. Playground, Windle Field, James Dizenzo Playground, East Millbury Park., and

West Millbury Park (a.k.a Jaques Park). These areas will be denoted with a number which references a table located on the map.

- 3) The Scenic and Unique Features map was reviewed to check accurate placement of Mills and Villages as referenced in the text of the Open Space Plan. The discussion involved group ideas to make the map easier to read using various colors or different patterns.

Laurie inquired if there were any suggested changes to sections 1-8 of the Open Space Plan. Phil provided spelling/grammatical updates. Sarahbeth asked the question if additional emphasis should be made to high-light the conundrum that was revealed in the recent Town Survey which provided figures to indicate community interest to acquire and preserve open spaces, but with little personal responsibility. (i.e. Section 7- Summary of Community Needs). Phil commented that there might be a minority group who could, in fact, be mobilized into action.

Everett inquired as to the sentiment and/or anticipated support for the Open Space Plan from the Selectman. There was some discussion and a decision to invite the Town Manager, Robert Spain, to an upcoming meeting.

A review of the Five Year Action Plan was initiated with the goal to identify a responsible party and target completion date. Comments relating to Objective 1B, specifically, the 'transfer of development rights,' raised concerns about the complexity and repercussions. The consensus was not to include it as a bullet in the Open Space Plan but as a consideration in the Master Plan.

The next meeting was scheduled tentatively for June 12th, to be held at the Town Municipal Offices in order to work later than 8:00 if necessary. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

**Millbury Open Space Committee
Meeting Notes
Thursday, June 19, 2008
6:00-9:15 p.m.
Municipal Office Building
127 Elm Street**

Member Attendance:

	<i>Attending</i>	<i>Absent</i>
Laurie Connors	X	
Everett Grahn	X	
Ron Marlborough		X
Bruce Nichols	X	
Philip Nyberg	X	
David Palleiko		X
Sarahbeth Persiani	X	
Brian Stowell		X

Notes:

Everett Grahn made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from May 29, 2008. Bruce Nichols seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Suggested changes to the Open Space Maps were as follows:

- 4) Verify correctness- Stone Street versus Stone Road.
- 5) Label Dorothy Brook, Cronin Brook and Broad Meadow Brook on the maps.

General discussion topics included the following:

- 1) The former youth center, which had been located at McGrath School, was discussed. Bruce Nichols explained that it had been closed in 2000 (approximately) due to lack of attendance. Ray Houle was the Town Manager at the time.
- 2) Phil Nyberg suggested that someone mention to Pastor Davis and his Committee the possibility of locating the skate board park on Dan Hanratty's vacant parcel on River Street. At a previous meeting, Ron Marlborough said that Mr. Hanratty's property might be a good location and that he may be willing to sell/lease/donate it for that purpose.
- 3) Phil Nyberg suggested that Laurie Connors contact Jen Hager (Sutton Town Planner) to ascertain if there is a formal or informal agreement with Sutton that enables Millbury residents to use their town beach on Lake Singletary (Marion's Camp). If so, what obligations go with the agreement?
- 4) The Committee agreed that IF the Open Space Committee were to continue into the future, a new charge should be formulated and new members sought. Laurie Connors asked those present if they were interested in continuing as members of the Open Space Committee as it carries forward into implementation. Some of those present stated that they definitely are interested. It may be desirable for a member of the Board of Selectmen to be a member of the Open Space Committee. Laurie Connors agreed to call Grafton to see if they have an Open Space Committee and, if so, ask about their charge.

- 5) Any literature developed concerning the town's open spaces should be distributed to neighboring communities.
- 6) A draft of the Open Space Plan should be placed on the town's website so that the general public can comment on it.

Phil Nyberg provided and briefly explained his list of editorial comments on the May 22nd version of the Open Space Plan.

Laurie Connors distributed a draft that incorporates changes discussed at the May 29th Committee meeting. She briefly discussed those changes, which were made to Sections 7, 8 & 9 of the Plan.

The remainder of the meeting was devoted to going over the Action Plan with an eye towards identifying a responsible party and target completion date. The Committee agreed that the following new recommendations should be added:

- 1) Encourage recreation-based businesses to locate in Millbury.
- 2) Prioritize creation of an ADA-accessible trail at Butler Farm.
- 3) Relocate the Woolie World ramp so that it doesn't deposit into the parking lot.
- 4) Prioritize preservation of historic artifacts at the Deering Wildlife Management Area.
- 5) Informally approach National Grid about the possibility of creating a network of pathways along transmission line right-of-ways.
- 6) Test water quality of Brierly Pond to see if it's appropriate for a beach. Also, determine ownership and condition of the dam as the dam must be able to safely control the water level in the pond if it's to have increased public use.

The Committee agreed that this will be the last meeting to discuss the draft Plan. Laurie Connors stated that she will incorporate the changes discussed at this and other meetings, finalize the draft and forward it to the Committee for their final review and comment. She will also distribute copies to CMRPC and all parties identified as implementation parties for their review and comment. She will use the newspaper to let the general public know that the draft is ready for review and comment. The public will be able to obtain copies of the draft in the Planning Office and on the Town website. Once all comments are received and modifications are made, the Town Planner and a member of the Committee will present the findings to the Board of Selectmen, Planning Board, Conservation Commission and Parks Commission. With their blessings, the final draft will be sent to the MA Division of Conservation Services for final approval.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.