



WEST NEWBURY OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

West Newbury, Massachusetts 01985

To the Honorable Board of Selectman:

The Open Space Committee met regularly during Fiscal Year 2008. Following are some of the highlights and accomplishments from this year:

- Our collaborative efforts between Moseley Trust, Essex County Greenbelt Association and the town ultimately resulted in preserving the Indian Hill Farm for public access and passive recreation.
- Updated and expanded the trail maps for the public's use, the first version was distributed at spring Town Meeting.
- Worked with volunteers, Essex County Trail Assoc., WN Riding and Driving Club and Gary Bill on the continued effort to keep trails clear and usable.
- Worked with Tracy Blais and many town departments and committees on completing the Riverbend Management Plan
- Continued to work regularly with the Planning Board to review proposed developments and negotiation of trail easements. Ocean Meadow was of particular interest.
- A large amount of time has been spent on revising the Open Space and Recreation Plan which included: devising, disseminating and tallying results from the survey sent to every household in town. This plan will be completed in 2009.
- We are in the process of setting new goals as a result of the feedback from the survey.
- Started to redesign our website, www.westnewburyopenspace.net to allow the public better access to trail maps, trail conditions, information about our membership, meetings and links to other open space resources.
- Updated the Priority Parcel List.

We meet monthly on the third Wednesday of the month in the 1910 Building at 7:30pm. We welcome the participation of anyone who is interested in any of our open space related activities.

Respectfully submitted for the Committee,
Jennifer W. Germain, Chairperson