

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Open Space Committee met regularly during Fiscal Year 2012. This report summarizes our accomplishments from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012:

- The continued development of multiple trail networks throughout the Town. Improvements include newly constructed trails, installation of posts, trail markers and maps to promote and improve public access to town-owned land for recreational use. High profile sites include new trails in Riverbend West, connecting Coffin Street to the Indian River and Brake Hill, where over 50 people attended the 2nd Annual Trail Hike, sponsored by OSC.
- Library Exhibit: The OSC showcased it's inventory of town maps, featured trails and literature for a a 2-month period as part of our community outreach effort. Special thanks to the G.A.R. Library staff for hosting the exhibit.
- CPA Handout: developed and distributed a flyer to promote the benefits of keeping the CPA tax rate at 3%. The Town voted in favor by a narrow margin.
- Continued development to OSC's website: WestNewburyOpenSpace.Net. The site includes extensive information and resources, meeting minutes, town inventory maps, trail maps, photographs and the Town's Open Space and Recreation Plan a comprehensive analysis, review and action plan.
- Consulted with various Boards on a broad range of topics, including the Board of Selectman for the Daley/Page East and Sullivan properties, the Town's Energy Advisory Committee for a proposed solar panel site and bylaw, the Planning Board and Conservation Commission regarding Ocean Meadow, DePiero, Cena and other Trail Easements.
- The OSC continued to maintain the Priority Parcel List and evaluate land for open space potential.
- The OSC welcomed it's newest member, Jason Spaulding, to the committee. Members include Felicity Beech, Don Bourquard, Jennifer Germain, Steve Greason, Barry LaCroix, Jean Lambert. Dawne Fusco and Patricia Reeser serve as associate members.

The Open Space Committee meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:30 PM in the 1910 Building. We welcome the participation of anyone interested in our open space activities.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee,

Steve Greason

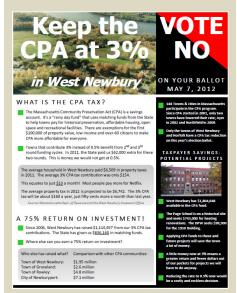
Steve Greason, Chair

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Hikers attend the Open Space Committee's 2nd Annual Trail Hike on October 15th, 2011, which featured a new trail network at Brake Hill.



The Open Space Committee distributed a flyer and spearheaded a successful grassroots effort to keep the CPA tax rate at 3% in May 2012.



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