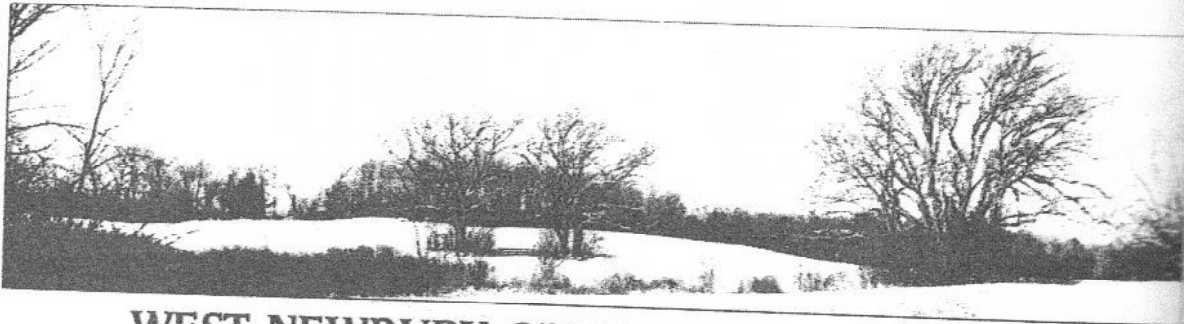




WEST NEWBURY OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

West Newbury, Massachusetts 01985

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,

The Open Space Committee devoted the largest share of its energy this year to the continued revision of the Open Space and Recreation Plan, which finally went to print in August of 2003. The Plan includes updated land inventories and priority parcel list, extensive updated mapping, and updated goals and objectives for the next five years. The Committee had much assistance from other committees, boards and staff members in Town for which we are grateful.

The Committee gave its support to three Conservation Restrictions which were enacted this year - the Nichols property on Church Street, the Sargent land just west of the Indian River, and the Ordway property on Turkey Hill Street. From time to time, the Committee advised the Board of Selectman regarding the Town's option on various properties which were coming out of Chapter 61-A.

The Committee formed a Trails Subcommittee which will work on trail inventory, management and linking issues. The Committee worked with the Planning Board and a local developer to enact a trail easement over an important link near Cherry Hill.

The Committee has initiated an investigation of an unclaimed parcel of 11 acres off Moulton Street, and initiated an effort to clarify the status of a right of way in the Brake Hill Subdivision which provides an access to the Craven Property.

The Open Space Committee meets on the first Wednesday of each month in the Town Office Building. We welcome anyone who is interested. We are grateful for the support that you and the townspeople of West Newbury have given to the effort to preserve our Town's open spaces.

Respectfully submitted,

Annie Madden, Chair