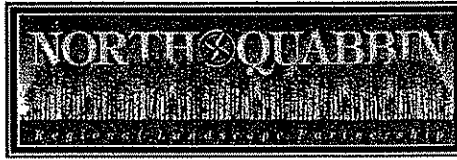


## **APPENDIX A**



## **LAND PROTECTION PROGRAMS AND FUNDING SOURCES**

*Call or email the North Quabbin Regional Landscape Partnership for more information and assistance with these programs: 978-248-2118, [info@nqpartnership.org](mailto:info@nqpartnership.org)*

### **National**

#### **Forest Legacy Program**

The Forest Legacy Program is a partnership between States and the USDA Forest Service to identify and help conserve environmentally important forests from conversion to nonforest uses. The main tool used for protecting these important forests is conservation restrictions. Conservation restrictions leave the ownership of the land in private hands while permanently protecting important resources. Landowners can continue to live on and use their property for activities such as farming, harvesting timber, and hunting. Development on the part of the property in the conservation restriction is permanently restricted.

The Federal government may fund up to 75% of program costs, with at least 25% coming from private, state or local sources.

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[www.mass.gov/dcr/stewardship/forestry/other/](http://www.mass.gov/dcr/stewardship/forestry/other/)

Map of eligible areas in Massachusetts for Forest Legacy funding:  
[www.mass.gov/dcr/stewardship/forestry/other/images/ma\\_flp\\_map.jpg](http://www.mass.gov/dcr/stewardship/forestry/other/images/ma_flp_map.jpg)

#### **North American Wetlands Conservation Act Grants**

The North American Wetlands Conservation Act of 1989 provides matching grants to organizations and individuals who have developed partnerships to carry out wetlands conservation projects in the United States for the benefit of wetlands-associated migratory birds and other wildlife. There is a Standard and a Small Grants Program. Both are competitive grants programs and require that grant requests be matched by partner contributions at no less than a 1-to-1 ratio. Funds from U.S. Federal sources may contribute towards a project, but are not eligible as match.

The Standard Grants Program supports projects that involve long-term protection, restoration, and/or enhancement of wetlands and associated uplands habitats. Typical grants are around one million dollars or more. The application process is very rigorous and takes a great deal of time. The Small Grants Program supports the same type of projects and adheres to the same selection criteria and administrative guidelines as the U.S. Standard Grants Program. However, project activities are usually smaller in scope and involve fewer project dollars. Grant requests may not exceed \$75,000. Funding priority is given to grantees or partners new to the Act's Grants Program.

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(413) 863-0209 x 3  
[mitch\\_hartley@fws.gov](mailto:mitch_hartley@fws.gov)  
<http://www.fws.gov/birdhabitat/Grants/NAWCA/index.shtml>

## **Statewide**

### **Agricultural Preservation Restriction (APR) Program**

The APR Program is a voluntary program which is intended to offer a non-development alternative to farmers and other owners of "prime" and "state important" agricultural land who are faced with a decision regarding future use and disposition of their farms. Towards this end, the program offers to pay farmers the difference between the "fair market value" and the "agricultural value" of their farmland in exchange for a permanent deed restriction which precludes any use of the property that will have a negative impact on its agricultural viability.

A key component for APR eligibility is the **APR Municipal Grant Program (APR-Muni)** which incorporates an initial screen for priority funding for APR acquisitions that considers a town's agricultural resources and economic activity. If a town meets this initial eligibility threshold, then it will be considered for priority allocation of state APR funds, based on the kind of "agricultural smart growth" principles that the town has adopted. These may include establishing an agricultural commission and enacting a right-to-farm bylaw.

Those towns without current APR-Muni and Commonwealth Capital applications on file cannot be considered for priority funding.

Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources  
Bureau of Land Use  
251 Causeway Street, Suite 500, Boston, MA 02114-2151  
(617) 626-1720  
[www.mass.gov/agr/landuse/APR/index.htm](http://www.mass.gov/agr/landuse/APR/index.htm)

#### *Local contacts:*

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Michele Padula  
Central Mass. Field Representative  
(617) 626-1758  
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### **Commonwealth Capital**

Massachusetts municipalities must complete a Commonwealth Capital form before they can access most state programs that fund land and water protection, like APR and Self-Help Grants.

Office for Commonwealth Development  
100 Cambridge Street, Suite 1010, Boston, MA 02114  
Robert Mitchell, (617) 573-1383  
Kurt Gaertner, (617) 626-4949.  
[commcap@massmail.state.ma.us](mailto:commcap@massmail.state.ma.us)  
[www.mass.gov/?pageID=ocdhomepage&L=1&sid=Eocd&L0=Home](http://www.mass.gov/?pageID=ocdhomepage&L=1&sid=Eocd&L0=Home)

### **Community Preservation Act (CPA)**

If adopted by a city or town, The Community Preservation Act (CPA) provides new funding sources which can be used to address three core community concerns: 1) acquisition and preservation of open space, 2) creation and support of affordable housing, and 3) acquisition and preservation of historic buildings and landscapes. A minimum of 10% of the annual revenues of the fund must be used for each of the three core community concerns. The remaining 70% can be allocated for any combination of the allowed uses, or for land for recreational use.

The Community Preservation Coalition is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to support efforts to implement the CPA.

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(617) 367-899  
[Katherine.roth@tpl.org](mailto:Katherine.roth@tpl.org)  
[www.communitypreservation.org](http://www.communitypreservation.org)

### **Conservation Partnership Program**

The Conservation Partnership Program is a grant program that provides reimbursements to non-profit organizations of up to 50% of the cost of acquiring land or interest in land for conservation or outdoor recreation purposes.

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[www.mass.gov/envir/dcs/conservation/default.htm](http://www.mass.gov/envir/dcs/conservation/default.htm)

### **Drinking Water Supply Protection Grant Program**

This program provides up to \$500,000 in funds to public water systems and municipalities for land acquisitions that protect public drinking water supplies and drinking water quality. Eligible land acquisitions include land located in existing or future drinking water supply areas. Requires a 50% match. It is a reimbursement program

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[www.mass.gov/dep/water/dwgrant.htm](http://www.mass.gov/dep/water/dwgrant.htm)

### **Recreational Trails Grant Program**

The Recreational Trails Program provides funding for a variety of trail protection, construction, and stewardship projects throughout Massachusetts. This national program makes funds available to develop and maintain recreational trails and trail-related facilities for both non-motorized and motorized recreational trail uses.

Recreational Trails grants are 80-20 challenge grants. In other words, 80% of a project can be funded by these grants, but at least 20% of the total project value must come from other sources. A cash match; "in-kind match" in the form of materials, labor, and in-kind services; or a combination of both is permitted. Grant amounts (not including the match) may range from \$2,000 to \$50,000. Requests for amounts greater than \$50,000 will be considered for larger projects with statewide or regional significance.

The program legislation requires that 30% of program funds be reserved for projects related to motorized trail use, 30% for non-motorized projects, and 40% for projects that facilitate diverse trail uses. The Recreational Trails program also requires that projects be primarily recreation- rather than transportation-oriented, and will give priority to projects creating or facilitating physical, on-the-ground trail improvements, which protect or enhance the site's natural and cultural resources, and link individuals and communities to these resources.

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[www.mass.gov/dcr/stewardship/greenway/regionalGrants.htm](http://www.mass.gov/dcr/stewardship/greenway/regionalGrants.htm)

### **Self-Help Grant Program**

The Self-Help Grant program was established in 1961 to assist municipal conservation commissions acquiring land for natural resource and passive outdoor recreation purposes. Lands acquired may include wildlife, habitat, trails, unique natural, historic or cultural resources, water resources, forest, and farm land. Compatible passive outdoor recreational uses such as hiking, fishing, hunting, cross-country skiing, bird observation and the like are encouraged. Access by the general public is required. This state program pays up to \$500,000 for the acquisition of land, or acquisition of a partial interest in the land (such as a conservation restriction). Depending on the municipality's Commonwealth Capital Score, the town is reimbursed through the program between 52% and 70% of the cost of the land acquisition. Land is owned and managed by the conservation commission. Municipality must have a current Open Space and Recreation Plan and an updated Commonwealth Capital score.

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[www.mass.gov/envir/dcs/selfhelp/default.htm](http://www.mass.gov/envir/dcs/selfhelp/default.htm)

### **Smart Growth Technical Assistance Grants**

These grants provide up to \$30,000 per community to implement smart growth consistent zoning and undertake other activities that will improve sustainable development practices locally. Examples of eligible activities are completion of Open Space Residential Design bylaws, zoning changes that implement Community Development or Master Plan recommendations; and development of a Right-to-Farm bylaw or zoning protections for agricultural preservation.

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[http://commpres.env.state.ma.us/content/sgta\\_grants.asp](http://commpres.env.state.ma.us/content/sgta_grants.asp)

### **Local**

#### **New England Grassroots Environment Fund**

The New England Grassroots Environment Fund (NEGEF) is a small grants program designed to foster and give voice to grassroots environmental initiatives in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont. It provides grants of up to \$2,500 to fuel civic engagement, local activism, and social change.

NEGEF funds community involvement in projects that address a wide range of environmental issues including: agriculture, air quality, alternative energy, aquifer protection, biotechnology, community gardens, environmental justice, energy conservation, forestry, global warming, land trusts, marine environment, public health, sprawl, sustainable communities, toxics and hazardous waste, trails, water quality, watershed management, wetlands, wildlife, and youth-organized environmental work.

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New England Grassroots Environment Fund  
PO Box 1057, Montpelier, VT 05601  
(802) 223-4622  
[callan@grassrootsfund.org](mailto:callan@grassrootsfund.org)  
[www.grassrootsfund.org](http://www.grassrootsfund.org)

#### **North Quabbin Regional Landscape Partnership Small Grant Program**

This grant program was established in 2006 to drive significant land protection by providing initial funding for land transaction fees, such as title searches, appraisals, baseline reports, closing costs, municipal circuit grant writers, land protection estate planning, registry fees, and surveys.

In 2006, grants were awarded to support land conservation projects in Ashburnham, Erving, Hardwick, Northfield, Warwick and Westminster.

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[www.nqpartnership.org/sgp.htm](http://www.nqpartnership.org/sgp.htm)

## **OTHER LAND PROTECTION TOOLS**

### **National**

#### **LTA Website**

The Land Trust Alliance website is a great resource for all things pertaining to land conservation. Landowners, and land conservation trust board members, volunteers and staff will find information about land conservation options and resources helpful. The website is also a good source to find publications pertaining to land conservation.

[www.lta.org](http://www.lta.org)

#### **Natural Resources Conservation Services Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program**

The Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) is a voluntary program for people who want to develop and improve wildlife habitat primarily on private land. The USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service provides both technical assistance and up to 75 percent cost-share assistance to establish and improve fish and wildlife habitat. WHIP agreements between NRCS and the participant generally last from 5 to 10 years from the date the agreement is signed.

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[www.nrcs.usda.gov/Programs/whip/](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/Programs/whip/)

### **Statewide**

#### **Agricultural Commissions**

Agricultural Commission (AgComs) represents the farming community, encourages the pursuit of agriculture, promotes agriculture-based economic opportunities and works to protect and sustain agricultural businesses and farmland. AgComs are a standing committee of town government, created through a vote at Town Meeting and appointed by the Board of Selectmen or governing body of the town.

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251 Causeway Street, Suite 500, Boston, MA 02114  
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[www.mass.gov/agr/agcom/index.htm](http://www.mass.gov/agr/agcom/index.htm)

#### **Chapter 61**

Land classified with the town Assessor's office as Chapter 61, 61A or 61B brings the benefit of reduced real estate taxes to landowners while maintaining forests, farmland, and recreational open space. If lands under Chapter 61 are to be converted to residential or commercial uses, municipalities have a limited "right of first refusal" during which they can purchase the land or transfer the right to a qualified third party, like a land conservation trust.

Chapter 61 Land Protection Guide  
Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust  
1461 Old Keene Rd, Athol, MA 01331  
(978) 248-2118  
[landtrust@mountgrace.org](mailto:landtrust@mountgrace.org)  
<http://mountgrace.org/accs/chapt61/index.html>

### **Forest Stewardship Program**

This educational non-regulatory program is designed to help landowners protect the inherent ecosystem values of their forest.

To enroll in the Stewardship Program, a landowner hires a licensed consulting forester to develop a 10-year forest management plan. This Forest Stewardship Plan documents management options and practices designed to maintain the land in a productive and healthy condition for the next generation. Soil and water quality, wildlife and fish habitat, timber and other wood products, and outdoor recreation are among the many factors taken into account. It recommends actions that will protect or increase the environmental values of the land while yielding desired social or economic benefits.

There is no minimum acreage, except that properties of less than 10 acres are not eligible for Forest Stewardship Plan preparation cost-sharing. Participating landowners may own a maximum of 1,000 acres, (or up to 5,000 acres with a special waiver).

Municipal governments are also encouraged to develop Stewardship Plans for their Town Forests or Conservation Commission woodlands, and may be eligible for cost-sharing. Landowners of 10 acres or more who do not already have some type of management plan in place for their property are eligible to receive cost-sharing to help pay for the plan development. The cost-sharing a landowner is eligible to receive is determined by the acreage owned by the landowner. Special state funding is currently available to reimburse up to 100% of the cost of Stewardship Plans on properties in 176 Massachusetts towns, including all the towns in the North Quabbin Regional Landscape Partnership region..

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### **LandBase**

LandBase helps sellers, buyers, and brokers of special properties rich in natural resources use the marketplace to protect the land. LandBase explains conservation real estate and puts you in touch with the non-profit land trusts which can help you incorporate conservation into a purchase or sale. Land trusts post to the LandBase website descriptions of properties eligible for conservation purchase: special places, not only scenic, peaceful, and private, but also boasting unique and irreplaceable natural resources.

LandBase can help you find one of these beautiful properties, learn how to ensure protection of its special qualities -- and perhaps even save on taxes.

[www.landbase.org](http://www.landbase.org)



### **Landowner Incentive Program**

In 2004, MassWildlife's initiated the Landowner Incentive Program (LIP) to engage private landowners in active wildlife habitat enhancement with funding from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. LIP is a cost sharing partnership that provides financial and technical assistance to private landowners interested in developing and maintaining wildlife habitat on their property. To date, 68 projects from conservation organizations, sportsmen's clubs and individual landowners across the state have received LIP funding. Through these programs, MassWildlife has partnered with state and federal agencies, conservation organizations, sportsmen's clubs, land trusts and other natural resource entities in an effort to maintain, restore or enhance wildlife habitat for the benefit of wildlife and the enjoyment of the Bay State's citizens.

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[www.mass.gov/dfwele/dfw/dfw\\_lip.htm](http://www.mass.gov/dfwele/dfw/dfw_lip.htm)

### **Massachusetts Woodlands Cooperative**

Massachusetts Woodlands Cooperative is a forest landowner management, processing and marketing cooperative organized by and on behalf of forest landowners in western Massachusetts. The mission of the Cooperative is to maintain the environment and character of western Massachusetts through the protection, enhancement and careful economic development of one of the region's most plentiful resources, the forest. The work of the cooperative is based on specific values, guided by clear principles, and directed toward business goals identified and supported by its membership.

The Cooperative is "green certified" under the group certification process provided by the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC). Green certification is similar to organic labeling of produce. It is an independent assessment of forestry practices to determine if the management is sustainable. Green certification allows the Cooperative to sell forest products with a label showing that these products are from an environmentally friendly operation.

The Cooperative is currently looking for interested landowners in the greater North Quabbin region to join the organization.

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### **Massachusetts Land Trust Coalition**

An informal association of land trust and conservation organizations, the Coalition's website provides information on local land protection resource centers, lists of appraisers and conservation law attorneys, as well as updates on land conservation conferences, legislation, and trainings.

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(978) 443-5588 x 24  
[bmchugh@massland.org](mailto:bmchugh@massland.org)  
[www.massland.org](http://www.massland.org)

### **MassGIS Dataviewer: OLIVER**

OLIVER is MassGIS's OnLine data Viewer. OLIVER allows you to browse, view and download any layer which MassGIS has available for public distribution. This includes close to 200 datasets styled into almost 1,000 themes.

OLIVER includes access to detailed Aerial Photography of every square meter in the state. Mainland Massachusetts was flown in Spring 2001, and Martha's Vineyard, Nantucket, and the Elizabeth Islands were flown in Spring 2003. The imagery is available at 1/2 meter per pixel resolutions, and can be overlaid with any other data layer MassGIS has to offer. OLIVER also includes USGS Topographic maps.

Most non-image layers can be extracted as shapefiles onto your local computer. Want to know the percent of permanently protected open space in your town? Extract the Openspace datalayer, and analyze away!

[http://maps.massgis.state.ma.us/massgis\\_viewer/index.htm](http://maps.massgis.state.ma.us/massgis_viewer/index.htm)

### **MassWoods Forest Conservation Program**

MassWoods is a web-based resource for landowners looking for information on licensed foresters, selling timber, estate planning, and land protection. The goal of MassWoods is to provide accurate information to woodland owners when they need to make two critical decisions about the future of their land: 1) the potential sale of timber and 2) planning for the future of the property.

MassWoods features an interactive map to direct landowners to local resources to help them with their decisions. Service foresters, local land trusts, statewide land trusts and conservation organizations are all listed for each town across the state. Each month a new update will be posted aimed at delivering timely and relevant information about landowner decisions, issues, programs, opportunities and successes.

In addition, MassWoods encourages landowners to consider the role their properties plays in their landscape and communities as they make decision about their land. Likewise, MassWoods encourages community members and municipal officials to value private woodland owners for the many public benefits they provide to the community.

[www.masswoods.net](http://www.masswoods.net)

### **Massachusetts Registry of Deeds**

Find land ownership information in Massachusetts communities at [www.sec.state.ma.us/rod/rodidx.htm](http://www.sec.state.ma.us/rod/rodidx.htm)

### **Smart Growth Toolkit**

The Toolkit provides easy access to information on twelve different planning, zoning and subdivision techniques, such as Open Space Residential Design and Low Impact Development, which can control development and make "smart growth" a reality in your community. The materials are designed to increase understanding of smart growth tools and how to customize the techniques to local circumstances.

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[www.mass.gov/envir/smart\\_growth\\_toolkit/](http://www.mass.gov/envir/smart_growth_toolkit/)

### **TownBoard**

TownBoard is the one-stop calendar site for Massachusetts town boards. This site provides each of the Commonwealth's 351 cities and towns with up-to-date information on relevant training and educational opportunities in the state and region – particularly on land-use issues.

[www.Townboard.org](http://www.Townboard.org)

## **APPENDIX B**

# **Town of Winchendon**

## **Department of Planning and Development**

109 Front Street  
Winchendon, MA 01475

978.297.3308  
Fax: 978.297.5411

### **Town of Winchendon, Department of Planning and Development PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

#### **Open Space and Recreation Plan**

The Department of Planning and Development will conduct a Public Workshop on Wednesday, April 26, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium (second floor), 109 Front Street, Winchendon, MA 01475 to consider Winchendon's updated Open Space and Recreation Plan. The purpose of this workshop is to provide a public review of the revised goals and to gain input on the action items proposed for the next five years. Interested parties are encouraged to attend and give comment. A copy of the updated plan is available for review in the Department of Planning and Development, 109 Front Street, Winchendon, MA 01475. Alternative translation and accommodation for disabled persons is available by advance request to the department, telephone (978) 297-3308.

BY: Ellen E. DeCoteau  
Planning Agent

Requested ad dates: April 12, 19

Town of Winchendon  
Open Space and Recreation Plan  
Public Forum  
April 26, 2006

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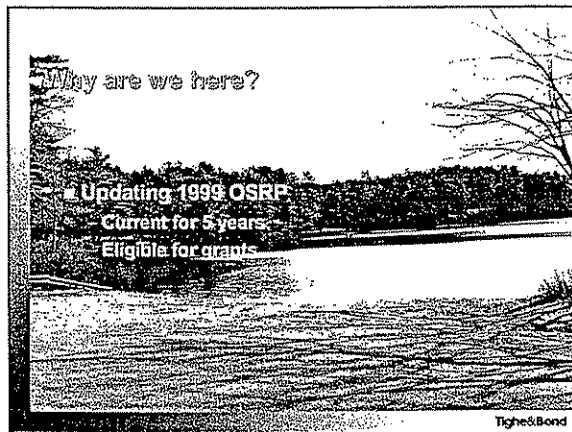
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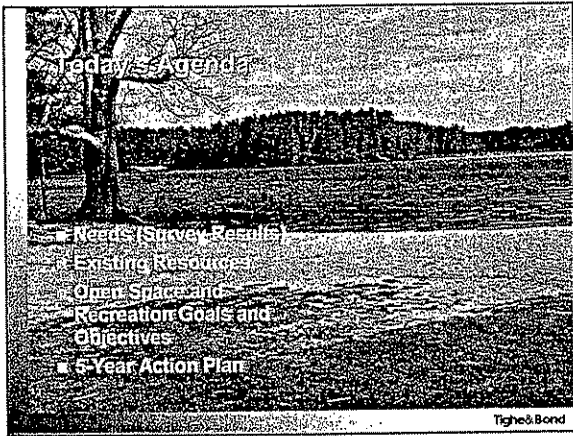
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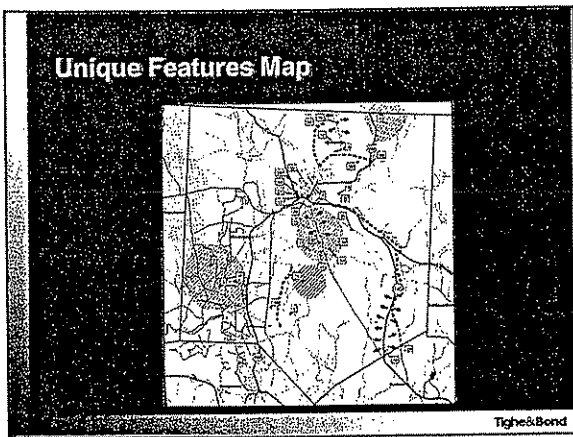
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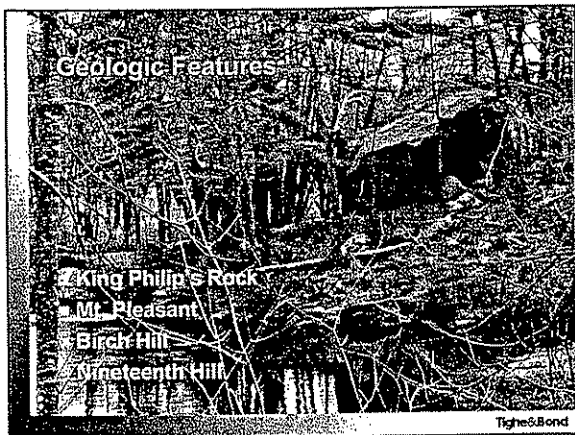
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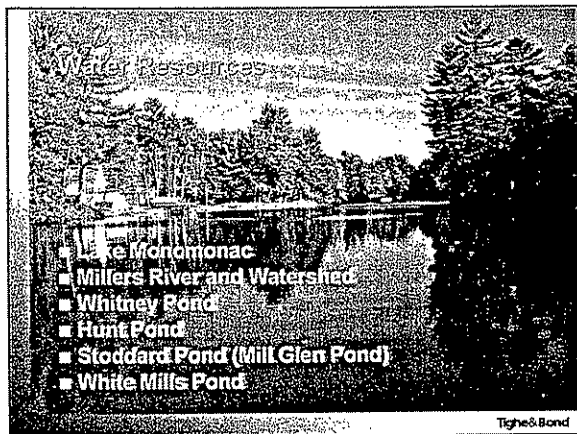
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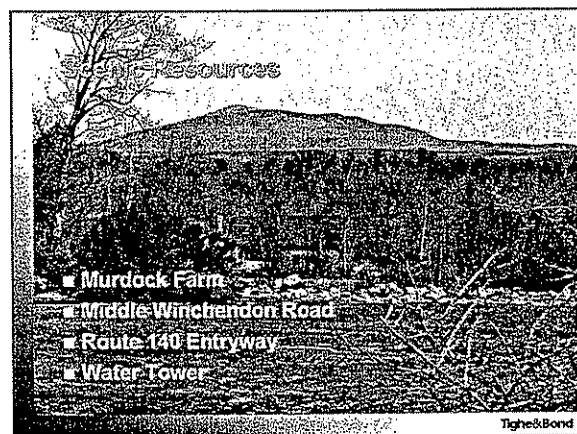
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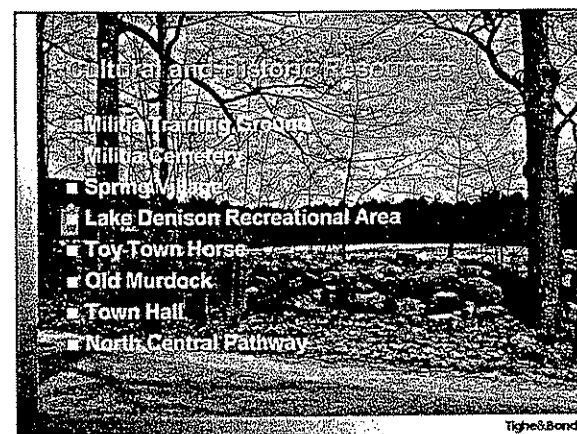
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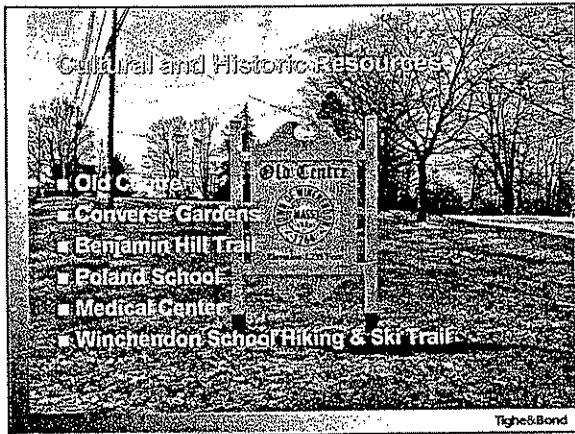
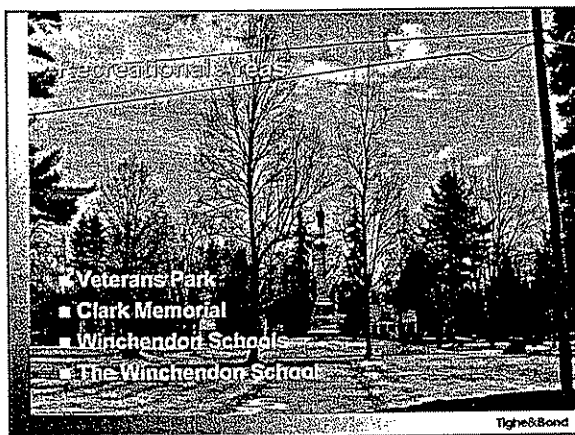
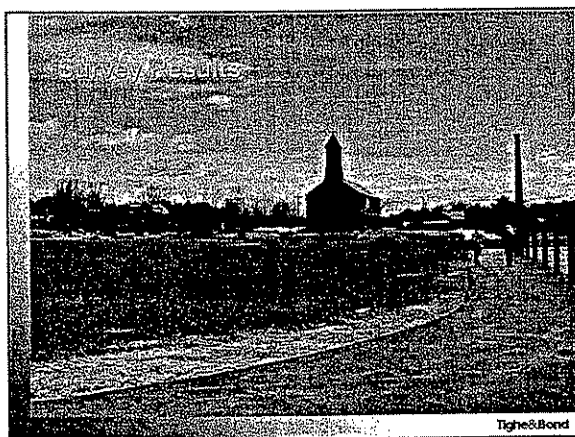
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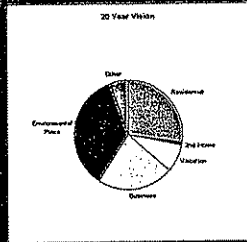
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### Survey Results – 20 Year Vision

- Environmentally Sound Place with Natural Settings
- Primarily Residential
- Strong Business Community



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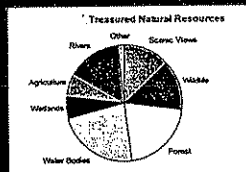
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### Survey Results – Treasured Natural Resources

- Water Bodies
- Forested Areas
- Rivers
- Wildlife
- Scenic Views



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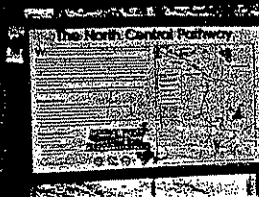
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### Survey Results – Recreation Facilities Needs

- Hiking/Biking/Outdoors
- Entertainment/Culture
  - Public movies
- Sports
  - Clark Memorial



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### Survey Results – Open Space Needs

- Trails/Paths/Networks
- Protection/Preservation
- Recreation/Culture



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### Survey – Community Preservation Act



- CPA support 63%
- Preserve Open Space
- Improve Existing Facilities
- Purchase new recreation areas
- Maintain Facilities/Address needs

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### Goals



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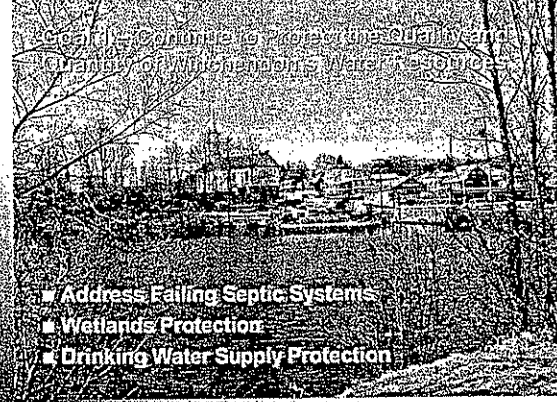
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**Goal 1 – Continue to protect the quality and quantity of Whitewater's water resources**



- Address Failing Septic Systems
- Wetlands Protection
- Drinking Water Supply Protection

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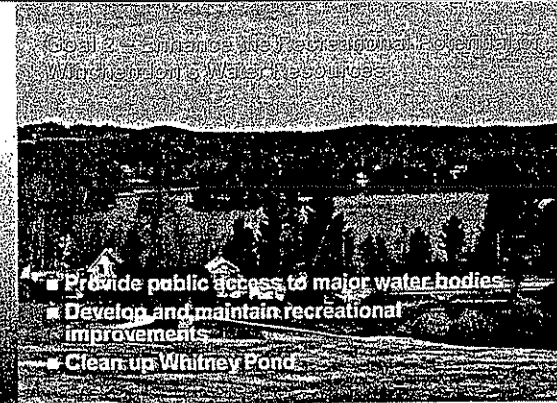
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**Goal 2 – Enhance the recreational potential of Whitewater's water resources**



- Provide public access to major water bodies
- Develop and maintain recreational improvements
- Clean up Whitney Pond

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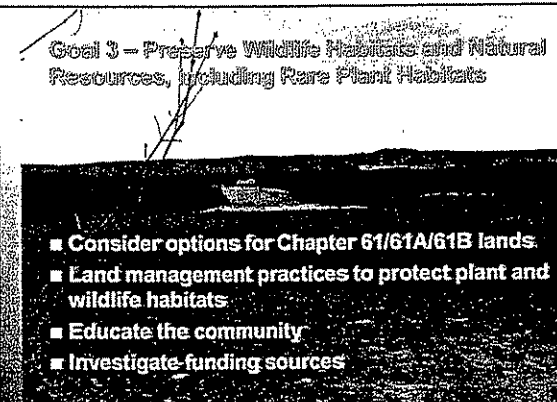
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**Goal 3 – Preserve Wildlife Habitats and Natural Resources, including Rare Plant Habitats**



- Consider options for Chapter 61/61A/61B lands
- Land management practices to protect plant and wildlife habitats
- Educate the community
- Investigate funding sources

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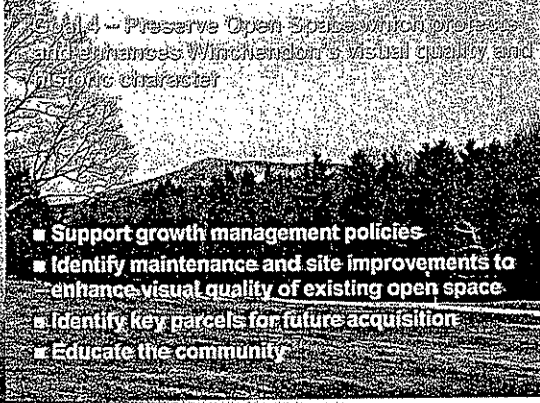
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**Goal 4 – Preserve Open Space** which protects and enhances Winchendon's visual quality and historic character

- Support growth management policies
- Identify maintenance and site improvements to enhance visual quality of existing open space
- Identify key parcels for future acquisition
- Educate the community

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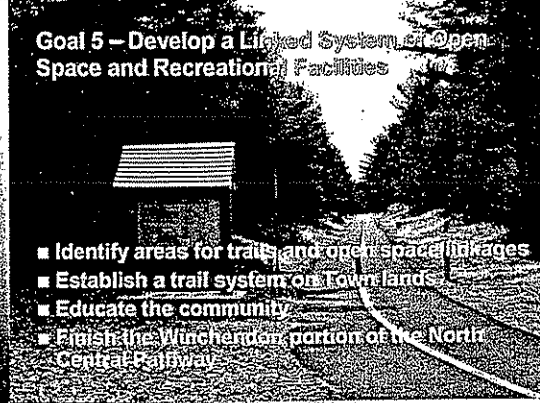
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**Goal 5 – Develop a Linked System of Open Space and Recreational Facilities**

- Identify areas for trails and open space linkages
- Establish a trail system on Town lands
- Educate the community
- Finish the Winchendon portion of the North Central Pathway

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**Goal 6 – Improve and Expand the Scope of Recreational Facilities and Programs for all Winchendon Residents**

- Improve downtown open space opportunities
- Develop neighborhood playground system
- Expand the availability of athletic fields and other facilities
- Continue to reassess community needs

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Goal: Coordinate Efforts for the Acquisition, Protection and Maintenance of Open Space and Recreation Lands



- Prioritize acquisition needs
- Develop long-range maintenance and funding programs

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Five-year Action Plan



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## **Meeting Agenda – March 22, 2006**

To: Attendees  
FROM: Tracy Adamski, AICP  
DATE: March 22, 2006

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1. **Introductions**
2. **Workshop – Workshop Ideas – Where, when, publicity, discussion topics**
3. **Identify Important Landscape Features**
4. **Identify and Map Action Plan**

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## Winchendon OSRP Update Meeting Minutes: March 22, 2006

FROM: Tracy Adamski  
COPY: Attendees  
DATE: March 27, 2006

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The following is a summary of the March 22, 2006 Open Space and Recreation Plan committee meeting.

### Attendees:

Ellen DeCoteau, Planning Agent	John Walker, Resident, Environmental Consultant
Bob Maki, Conservation Agent	Ken Girouard, Resident
John White, Chair, Planning Board	June Girouard, Resident
Barbara Lafrennie, Chair, Parks and Recreation Commission	Tracy Adamski, Tighe & Bond

### Discussion

1. **Introductions** – Attendees introduced themselves and their affiliations.
2. **Workshop Schedule** – The workshop is scheduled for Wednesday April 26, 2006 from 7PM to 9PM. T. Adamski and E. DeCoteau will develop a press release for the meeting. All committee members are encouraged to talk up the workshop. The workshop looks to build off of the information gained from the first workshop and the survey results, and will focus on the action plan.
3. **Identify Important Landscape Features** – Following up on emailed information from the 1999 OSRP, the committee reviewed the previous list of landscape features, and identified additional features to include; Converse Gardens; Winchendon Center; views from Joseph White Estate on Elmwood and Beaman Farm on Central; view from Ash Street by Winchendon Country Club; Nineteenth Hill; and Scenic Roads – Elmwood Road, Central Street, Joslin Road. The Committee discussed the goal for aesthetic gateways into the town; proposed zoning code updates include provisions for commercial landscaped buffers. Mt. Grace is interested in adding to their open space holdings in Winchendon.
4. **Identify and Map Action Plan** –

The Committee reviewed a sketch of the Action Plan and provided feedback on proposed action items, including:

- Extend North Central Pathway to connect to NH (Troy, Fitzwilliam)
- Utilize the former trolley route for recreation

- Encourage Planning Board to request that developers maintain access to existing trails (proposed zoning revisions may make pursuing Flexible Development subdivisions more attractive to developers)
  - Protect lands in the northeast and northwest areas of Winchendon
  - Consider the Community Preservation Act
  - Use fund created by the proceeds from tax sales for open space acquisitions
  - Create Riverwalk
  - Create trail connections around Whitney Pond (Maple Street, Glenallan Street, Spring Street)
  - Create trails connecting Waterville to High Street to the Winchendon Schools
5. **Homework** – A list of action items for each goal and objective were provided to the OSRP committee for review and comment. Comments are due to T. Adamski or E. DeCoteau by April 14, 2006.

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## Meeting Agenda – March 8, 2006

**TO:** Attendees  
**FROM:** Tracy Adamski, AICP  
**DATE:** March 8, 2006

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1. **Introductions**
2. **What is an OSRP and why do we need our updated?**
  - Plan Summary and Introduction
  - Community Setting
  - Environmental Inventory
  - Inventory of Lands
  - Community Goals
  - Analysis of Needs
  - Goals and Objectives
  - Five-Year Action Plan
  - Public Comments
3. **Schedule – Committee Meetings; Workshop**
4. **Identify and Prioritize Goals – Draft Goals and Objectives from 1999 OSRP; 2001 Master Plan; and OSRP Survey**
  - **Open Space** – Community Policy towards Open Space and Recreation – acquisition; focus: conservation, aesthetics, recreation
  - **Inventory of Open Space and Recreation Lands** – Critical Parcels/Needs relative to adjacent land uses
  - **Linkage Opportunities** – North Central Rail Trail; Greenways; Sidewalks, Bike lanes

## Winchendon OSRP Update Meeting Minutes: March 8, 2006

FROM: Tracy Adamski  
COPY: Attendees  
DATE: March 10, 2006

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The following is a summary of the March 8, 2006 Open Space and Recreation Plan committee meeting.

### Attendees:

Andrew Gast-Bray, Planning Director  
Ellen DeCoteau, Planning Agent  
Bob Maki, Conservation Agent  
John White, Chair, Planning Board

Barbara Lafrennie, Chair, Parks and Recreation Commission  
Cindy Boucher, Co-Chair, North Central Pathway Committee  
Tracy Adamski, Tighe & Bond

### Discussion

1. **Introductions** – Attendees introduced themselves and their affiliations.
2. **Why an OSRP Update** – T. Adamski explained that having a current OSRP is a prerequisite for certain funding programs and can assist Town with receiving other grant funds. A. Gast-Bray reiterated the importance of having the OSRP updated to assist with bringing grant funds to the Town.
3. **Schedule** – As the current OSRP is out of date and grant rounds are upcoming, the schedule is compressed. The goal is to have a draft OSRP Update by the end of April. Due to this schedule, public input will be gained from the previous Open Space forum, the OSRP survey and one additional public workshop. Input will also be gained from the committee meetings and questions directed to the committee members and other town officials.
4. **Components of an OSRP** – T. Adamski briefly described the components of an OSRP. The plan considers existing community assets and community goals to identify the ultimate open space and recreation needs. The crux of the OSRP is the action plan which sets achievable actions, responsible parties and timeframes for meeting the goals and needs of the community.
5. **Review Goals** – Goals and objectives were culled from the 1999 OSRP, the 2001 Master Plan and the OSRP survey. Seven primary goals were identified.

Goal #1: Continue to protect the quality and quantity of the Town's water resources.

Goal #2: Enhance the recreational potential of the Town's water resources, including Lake Monomonac, Whitney Pond, and the Millers River.

Goal #3: Preserve wildlife habitats and natural resources, including rare plant habitats.

Goal #4: Preserve open space throughout the Town which protects and enhances the visual quality and historic character of the Town.

Goal #5: Develop a linked system of open space and recreation facilities.

Goal #6: Improve and expand the scope of recreational facilities and programs for all Winchendon residents.

Goal #7: Integrate recreation and conservation activities as appropriate.

The Committee confirmed that these seven goals still hold. Important objectives that fall under these goals were identified including:

- Continue efforts to improve water quality in the Millers River through sewerage neighboring residences
- Work to clean up Whitney Pond
- Seek opportunities for public access at Lake Monomonac
- Host public movies
- Seek to obtain open space and recreation lands through open space set asides from Flexible Subdivision Developments
- Seek properties in the downtown area for use as pocket parks
- Seek properties in the downtown area with high visibility for sites for concerts and movies
- Coordinate with the Winchendon Schools to use available fields for Town athletics
- Complete the North Central Pathway
- Strengthen wetlands bylaw and enforcement provisions
- Work with schools to certify vernal pools

# Open Space and Recreation Plan

## *Public Forum*

September 10, 2005

### AGENDA

- 9:30: Introduction
- 9:45 Open Space Explained
- 10:15: Discussion of:
  - Goals and Needs
  - Treasured areas
  - Historic buildings
  - Recreation areas
- 11:30: Adjourn

*Winchendon Open Space and Recreation Plan is being written in accordance with the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs. For information or to become a part of the Open Space and Recreation Committee please call Judith Griggs, Winchendon Town Planner, at (978) 297-5414 or Russ Gaulin at (978) 821-9933.*

# PUBLIC Forum

9/10/05

## OPEN SPACE & RECREATION PLAN

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mechanic," said Chase, if they were to start at the first step. He informed the board that they have money in the account to cover it. Chase said, "Anything less, he'll stay where he is."

With Chairman Jerry Skelton on vacation, Vice Chairman Neil Cullen ran the meeting and said, "We need to revise the situation and straighten it out."

Grégg Edwards told Chase that they were willing to work at Step 3 and they did. The board concluded that Alner start at Step 3 for six months, after that they'll review his progress to move him up to Step 4.

# Open space task force seeks town volunteers

By LIVIA GERSHON  
NEWS STAFF WRITER

WINCHENDON — Town planning officials are preparing to develop guidelines for preserving open space, and they are seeking help from the public to do it.

So far the town's new planner, Judith Griggs, and Planning Board member Russ Gaulin are the only members of a citizen task force charged with writing a new Open Space and Recreation Plan for the town. The committee is looking for new members, as well as for residents who are simply interested in providing input

on what should be included in the plan.

The state asks that all communities create open space plans, which include background on local history, population, natural resources and wildlife, as well as goals for land preservation and a five-year action plan.

Winchendon's last open space plan was written in 1998. A new plan was due by the end of 2004, but the town never completed it, Griggs said.

"It's just because we've been short-handed in that area," she said.

Many state grants the town would otherwise be eligible for

are not available without an up-to-date plan, Griggs said. She said that many towns do not have updated plans, but that puts them at a serious disadvantage in applying for funding.

"They just miss out on the grants," she said.

The first meeting of the task force will be held Friday at 9:30 a.m., and anyone interested in joining the group is invited to call the Department of Planning and Development at 978-297-3308 or just show up, Griggs said. Even if potential volunteers can't make the first meeting, they can call and join the committee.

The task force will be responsible for collecting information, communicating with other town boards about objectives to include and writing the plan.

For those who cannot make that commitment but want to offer suggestions, there will be a public forum on Saturday, Sept. 10 from 9:30 to 10 a.m. Griggs said she hopes as many people as possible will attend and offer their views on what should be included in the plan.

In addition, the committee will mail a survey to all households in town in mid-September, asking for input.

*lgershon@thegardnernews.com*

Massachusetts Fire Academy firefighter I and Firefighter II courses. "It will take about one year and will be done in town," said Bankowski. Only a few firefighters have already gone through the training.

The other part of it covered the equipment—JAWS, portable radios, ropes, harnesses and tools to get out of a building. Bankowski told them that the old JAWS are over 20 years old and needs two people to operate, while the new one only needs one. The training will be done nights and weekends, he said.

Building Inspector Larry Brandt discussed

ing plans, \$50 on the call back inspection, and \$50 for a special inspection.

In other business, Columbus gave the update on the animal shelter and said that no new work has begun on it. He informed the board about the Route 2 rest area. The bidding process from the Massachusetts Highway Department Division of Capital Management started and it will take two to three months to award a bid. Once awarded the bid, the contractor has to get approval from all the town boards. The project could possibly break ground in the spring.

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## Home News

of area Al-Anon Meetings: 8 p.m. at First Church, Green St.; Step Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at St. Paul Church, Cross St.; Fridays, at Unitarian Church, Elm St.

REFERRAL ORGANIZATION — Chapter of BNI - The Business Organization meets every at Heywood Wakefield, Bolland less meetings are held at 7 a.m.

BOTTLE DRIVE, TAG AND BAKE SALE — The Athol Animal Facility on Thrower Rd. will be holding a bottle drive, a tag sale, and a bake sale on Sept. 3 from 8 a.m. until noon. The event will benefit the Care of Animals Fund. Anyone interested in donating an item to the tag sale or needing pick up of that item or bottles is asked to call (978) 249-2494.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE — An American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held at The Bread of Life Assembly of God Church on 22 State Road East on Aug. 29 from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. This event is being sponsored by the Westminster Woman's Club. Positive id is required. For information or to make an appointment call (800) 448-3543.

WORCESTER CHORUS AUDITIONS — on Aug. 24 and 31 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. by appointment auditions will be held for the Worcester Chorus for its 2005/2006 season. To make an appointment or for information call Music Worcester at (508) 754-3231. Singers may also sit in on an open rehearsal on Aug. 24 from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

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4-H FAIR — The Worcester County 4-H Fair will be held on Aug. 27 and 28 from

By KRISTINE McCAFFREY  
COURIER STAFF WRITER

**WINCHENDON** — Many believe behind every great man there is a great woman. Although the late Charles Grout was a greatly respected Winchendon veteran and community member, his wife Rachel was recently honored by the Winchendon Post 193 American Legion for 69 years of dedicated membership and service.

"I've lived through all these wars," states Grout, who was born while her father was in the service during World War I. With both her husband and

rather as veterans and active American Legion members it seemed only fitting she too would become involved.

Grout has been treasurer for the American Legion for several years now and has recently recruited more than 80 new members to the Legion and has collected and been responsible for their dues.

"It can be a lot to track for a treasurer," she explains, but takes on the responsibility with pride and a firm sense of accomplishment.

Grout is no stranger to the roll of treasurer.

"I am a classmate of my high school class; Old Murdock High School, mind you," she explains while pointing to her class picture still hanging on her living room wall.

Grout worked as a bookkeeper for locally owned movie theatres for 12 years and then went on to work 30 more years in the field as she kept books for Mollack Motor Garage until she retired. She is also currently secretary/treasurer for Catholic Family Life (St. Jean) and will be attending the national convention with her daughter Coral in Milwaukee later this year.

al ( t be a member of the American Legion at birth and was honored alongside her mother this summer for having belonged for 53 years. The Grout women have collectively served 122 years for Post 193.

Grout has lived in Winchendon her whole life. "I've lived on this street for 75 years," boasts the proud resident. "I was born over on Spruce Street until my parents bought the house next door in 1930. My husband Charlie and I bought this house in 1946. I don't move very often," she jokes.

Grout only has a few local relatives, mostly cousins, but does enjoy corresponding with different family members, lifelong acquaintances and friends. Grout is also an avid world traveler.

"I came home every weekend when I was studying at Becker College," she states, "but I have traveled a great deal."

Grout and her daughter recently came home from a two week cruise to Europe and Russia which made stops in Finland, Norway, Denmark, Holland and Stockholm.

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## PLANNING DEPARTMENT ADDS STAFF

### *Gast-Bray and Griggs bring new visions*

By DONEEN DURLING  
COURIER STAFF WRITER

**WINCHENDON** — The office of Planning and Development was busy as desks were being arranged, file cabinets moved and personal space sacrificed for a newly appointed director of planning, and planning agent. The mark of this new team is they seemed to make the alterations of the small space work, at least until they grow.

Dr. Andrew Gast-Bray,

newly appointed director of planning, has been reading the books on Winchendon's history, and he plans on working toward a vision that fits with the town's own story.

Gast-Bray has worked in West Virginia, developing plans for eco-parks. According to a definition in a Sustainable West Virginia website, eco parks are "facilities that attempt to preserve valuable land prone to development by

developing a strategic portion of the land and preserving the majority from exploitation."

Gast-Bray said one of the reasons he applied for the planning position was because the discussion to bring the proposed industrial-revolution park museum, and the recreation of the Converse Gardens was embraced by so many. That citizens are taking on the

Please read PLANNING, page 3

## Caring for Clyde: who?

By KRISTINE McCAFFREY  
COURIER STAFF WRITER

**WINCHENDON** — When it comes to Winchendon's icon, Clyde the Toy Town Horse, it seems there are conflicts when it comes to who will actually serve as his friends. Clyde, the famous, and largest, model rocking horse, was created as a large scale version of the Converse Toys number one selling toy, the No. 12 Rocking Horse for a parade in 1914, has been neglected recently Word had been put out by the town manager in

search of volunteers to come forward and create a Friends of Clyde committee to restore and preserve the notable located on School Square. He stated so for an article written in the Courier's June 23 issue.

Another newspaper then published a report that the Parks and Recreation Committee was taking over the project and using left over funds from the Robinson-Broadhurst Foundation

However, according to Robinson-Broadhurst

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but there were times which seemed to drown the mood of everyone in town except for the merchants along the boardwalk who sold ponchos and umbrellas out of their shops and kiosks. They literally beamed through the rain as their cash registers jingled with the cash of frustrated beachgoers.

Steamy August afternoons were devoted to lounging by the ocean, not exactly easy for some one as hyper as me, but hey, you make sacrifices for your kids. My idea of the perfect bridge week vacation would be visiting multi-

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Jerry Carlton is a contributing writer with the Winchendon Courier.

# Plans looking for direction from town moving forward

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"low hanging fruit" to bring people here impressed him and Gast-Bray said it was instrumental in his attraction to the town.

Gast-Bray said things have changed greatly since the unplanned low performing sprawl of post World War II.

"Winchendon seemed to thrive on a period of invention. Its manufacturers made money fast," he noticed.

Gast-Bray said as soon as wooden toys and other products were no longer in vogue, the town began its decline.

The new director said historically industry believed there were infinite resources they could use and dump wherever.

He said, "We thought the planet could take it in stride. If we (the human race) want a place for ourselves, we have to be careful of what we consume, and where we send it." He said Winchendon has raw materials here to tap into.

"We need to rebuild, and to have exchanges. We can't stay still



Judith Griggs

children. The other newest member of the team, Planning Agent Judith Griggs, was also busy reading the history of Winchendon, and after a couple of guided tours around town, (one ending with an ice cream), she said, "I think this town is wonderful...that it is a diamond in the rough."

Griggs has a warm smile, and seems to look at everything with an eye to make it better. Her comments are focused, and she doesn't wander from the point of conversation.

She said the team all seem to be on the same page, and excited about working with each other.

The new planning agent worked for over three years as a planner for the state of Massachusetts.

She said "When you look at the way growth has gone throughout the nation, it is important here in New England, especially in the small towns, to plan for the future in a thoughtful considerate way."

She said the people, the environment, the town history, the fiber and fabric of business, tourism, all of it has to be consid-

and assume things will remain the same."

With gas prices rising, and no indication they will ever come down, it is important to consider a community that is self-sustaining, where everything a community needs is in close proximity.

When Gast-Bray was asked what he intended to do first, he said, "I'm going to let the town tell me my first job."

"Once I understand the story," he said, "and we get the dialogue going, we will begin."

Of the planning team, including Planning Agent Judith Griggs, Grants Agent Gerry White, Assistant Anne Marie Blake, and Ellen Decoteau Town Manager James Kreidler, Gast-Bray said, "I take heart in the fact they are tremendous people. There may be dissenting opinions, but I'm okay with that because I value the discussion."

The team will help the community to understand the importance of sustainable development for the town, and its economy.

Gast-Bray is looking to relocate to Winchendon or in close proximity. He is married with

ered for future plans. She said she would be working for a lot of people. "My door is always open to talk to anybody about their thoughts and concerns. I work as a representative of Planning."

Griggs is a graduate of Pioneer Valley Conway School for land planning has written open space plans for New Marlboro, and helped write the Master Plan for Historic Deerfield.

# ning agent conducting new open space survey

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## **APPENDIX C**

## Winchendon Open Space and Recreation Plan Survey:

This survey is funded by the Planning Board and Community Development. It will assist the Open Space and Recreation committee in understanding what residents see as the treasured lands in Winchendon. The questions at the end of the survey will assist in Community Development. Throughout this survey, check as many as apply:

### Winchendon is my:

- ☐ Place of residence
- ☐ Second home
- ☐ Vacation home
- ☐ Place of business
- ☐ Where I own land but do not reside

### How would you like to see Winchendon in 20 years:

- ☐ Primarily residential
- ☐ Second homes for out-of-towners
- ☐ Vacation and tourism
- ☐ A strong business community
- ☐ An environmentally sound place with natural settings
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### What do you consider to be the towns treasured natural resources? Check as many as apply:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Scenic views and vistas | <input type="checkbox"/> Ponds and water bodies | <input type="checkbox"/> Rivers and streams |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife                | <input type="checkbox"/> Wetlands               | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Forestland              | <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture lands      |   |

### What recreational facilities would best serve you and your family? Check as many as apply:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming             | <input type="checkbox"/> Walking          | <input type="checkbox"/> Road Biking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Art Classes       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tennis               | <input type="checkbox"/> Playgrounds      | <input type="checkbox"/> Golf          | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Movies        | <input type="checkbox"/> Mountain Biking  | <input type="checkbox"/> Basketball    | <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baseball             | <input type="checkbox"/> Little Theatre   | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting       | <input type="checkbox"/> Museums/Heritage  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ice skating          | <input type="checkbox"/> Motocross/Racing | <input type="checkbox"/> Skateboarding | <input type="checkbox"/> Garden/Home Tours |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canoeing or Kayaking | <input type="checkbox"/> Nature walks     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking        | <input type="checkbox"/> Concerts          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____         |   |  |  |

### Where would you most like to see additional public dollars spent for recreation? Check as many as apply:

- |   |  |  |  |
|---|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming             | <input type="checkbox"/> Walking         | <input type="checkbox"/> Road Biking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Art Classes       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tennis               | <input type="checkbox"/> Playgrounds     | <input type="checkbox"/> Golf          | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Movies        | <input type="checkbox"/> Mountain Biking | <input type="checkbox"/> Basketball    | <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baseball             | <input type="checkbox"/> Little Theatre  | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting       | <input type="checkbox"/> Museums           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ice skating          | <input type="checkbox"/> Motocross       | <input type="checkbox"/> Skateboarding | <input type="checkbox"/> Garden/Home Tours |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canoeing or Kayaking | <input type="checkbox"/> Nature walks    | <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking        | <input type="checkbox"/> Concerts          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____         |  |  |  |

### Where do you like to go for recreation? \_\_\_\_\_

### Where would you like to see additional public dollars spent for open spaces? Check as many as apply:

- |   |  |   |
|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> River and stream bank protection       | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing areas      | <input type="checkbox"/> Golf courses   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> River and stream bank recreation areas | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife conservation areas | <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural sites |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pond recreation areas                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking trails               | <input type="checkbox"/> Forest areas   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wetlands walks                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Scenic vista protection     | <input type="checkbox"/> Bike paths     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trails and greenways                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Historical heritage sites   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parks or pocket parks                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Community vegetable gardens |   |

### Would you attend seminars or workshops on natural resource protection? ☐ Yes ☐ No

The Community Preservation Act (CPA) is a new Massachusetts tool to help communities preserve open space, historic sites, create affordable housing and recreational facilities. A tax would be issued for homeowners which would be 100% matched by the State. Would you like the Town to participate?

☐ Yes ☐ No

### If public dollars from this fund were available, would you prefer to finance—

- ☐ Maintaining existing facilities, add recreation staff and police
- ☐ Improving facilities for people with disabilities
- ☐ Improving or restoring existing facilities
- ☐ Expand environmental education programs
- ☐ Purchase new outdoor recreational areas
- ☐ Preservation of open space
- ☐ Historic building preservation
- ☐ Low income housing

*(The student's work area contains several lines of handwritten mathematical derivations, which are mostly illegible due to blurring.)*

☐ Less than 2 years ☐ 2—5 years ☐ 5—10 years ☐ 10—20 years ☐ more than 20 years

*(continued)*

The following information was obtained from the records of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health Policy and Statistics, Division of Health Statistics, Bureau of Vital Statistics, Washington, D.C.

On January 1, 1968, there were 10,000 persons living in the United States who had been diagnosed as having schizophrenia. This number has increased steadily since 1960, when there were approximately 7,000 such persons.

In 1967, there were about 12,000 persons living in the United States who had been diagnosed as having schizophrenia. Of these, about 6,000 were men and 6,000 were women. The average age at diagnosis was about 25 years.

Of the 12,000 persons living in the United States who had been diagnosed as having schizophrenia in 1967, about 4,000 were receiving treatment in hospitals or clinics. About 8,000 were not receiving treatment.

The following table shows the number of persons living in the United States who have been diagnosed as having schizophrenia by year of diagnosis:

Year	Number of Persons
1960	7,000
1961	7,500
1962	8,000
1963	8,500
1964	9,000
1965	9,500
1966	10,000
1967	10,500
1968	11,000

The following table shows the number of persons living in the United States who have been diagnosed as having schizophrenia by sex and year of diagnosis:

Year	Men	Women
1960	3,500	3,500
1961	3,750	3,750
1962	4,000	4,000
1963	4,250	4,250
1964	4,500	4,500
1965	4,750	4,750
1966	5,000	5,000
1967	5,250	5,250
1968	5,500	5,500

The following table shows the number of persons living in the United States who have been diagnosed as having schizophrenia by age group and year of diagnosis:

Year	Under 18	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+
1960	1,000	2,000	2,000	1,500	1,000	500	500
1961	1,100	2,100	2,100	1,600	1,100	600	600
1962	1,200	2,200	2,200	1,700	1,200	700	700
1963	1,300	2,300	2,300	1,800	1,300	800	800
1964	1,400	2,400	2,400	1,900	1,400	900	900
1965	1,500	2,500	2,500	2,000	1,500	1,000	1,000
1966	1,600	2,600	2,600	2,100	1,600	1,100	1,100
1967	1,700	2,700	2,700	2,200	1,700	1,200	1,200
1968	1,800	2,800	2,800	2,300	1,800	1,300	1,300

The following table shows the number of persons living in the United States who have been diagnosed as having schizophrenia by race and year of diagnosis:

Year	White	Black	Other
1960	5,000	1,500	500
1961	5,250	1,625	625
1962	5,500	1,750	750
1963	5,750	1,875	875
1964	6,000	2,000	1,000
1965	6,250	2,125	1,125
1966	6,500	2,250	1,250
1967	6,750	2,375	1,375
1968	7,000	2,500	1,500

The following table shows the number of persons living in the United States who have been diagnosed as having schizophrenia by education level and year of diagnosis:

Year	No High School Grad	High School Grad	Some College	Bachelor's Degree	Postgraduate
1960	1,000	2,000	2,000	1,500	500
1961	1,100	2,100	2,100	1,600	600
1962	1,200	2,200	2,200	1,700	700
1963	1,300	2,300	2,300	1,800	800
1964	1,400	2,400	2,400	1,900	900
1965	1,500	2,500	2,500	2,000	1,000
1966	1,600	2,600	2,600	2,100	1,100
1967	1,700	2,700	2,700	2,200	1,200
1968	1,800	2,800	2,800	2,300	1,300

The following table shows the number of persons living in the United States who have been diagnosed as having schizophrenia by occupation and year of diagnosis:

Year	Unemployed	Service Occupations	Skilled Trades	Semi-skilled Occupations	Professional Occupations	Managerial Occupations	Self-employed
1960	1,000	2,000	2,000	1,500	1,000	500	500
1961	1,100	2,100	2,100	1,600	1,100	600	600
1962	1,200	2,200	2,200	1,700	1,200	700	700
1963	1,300	2,300	2,300	1,800	1,300	800	800
1964	1,400	2,400	2,400	1,900	1,400	900	900
1965	1,500	2,500	2,500	2,000	1,500	1,000	1,000
1966	1,600	2,600	2,600	2,100	1,600	1,100	1,100
1967	1,700	2,700	2,700	2,200	1,700	1,200	1,200
1968	1,800	2,800	2,800	2,300	1,800	1,300	1,300

The following table shows the number of persons living in the United States who have been diagnosed as having schizophrenia by marital status and year of diagnosis:

Year	Single	Married	Divorced	Widowed
1960	4,000	2,000	1,000	500
1961	4,250	2,125	1,125	625
1962	4,500	2,250	1,250	750
1963	4,750	2,375	1,375	875
1964	5,000	2,500	1,500	1,000
1965	5,250	2,625	1,625	1,125
1966	5,500	2,750	1,750	

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November 1, 2005

### Report on the Open Space and Recreation Plan Survey Results

By:  
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Director of Planning and Development

### Introduction

In the framework for an Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP) required for each municipality by the Commonwealth as a pre-requisite for many funding sources, Winchendon has undertaken the updating of their OSRP. Part of the update requires a survey of residents at large. Toward these ends, we adopted a questionnaire used for such purposes and then adapted it to include some demographic data to enable us to better understand the nature of the responses we thought we might receive.

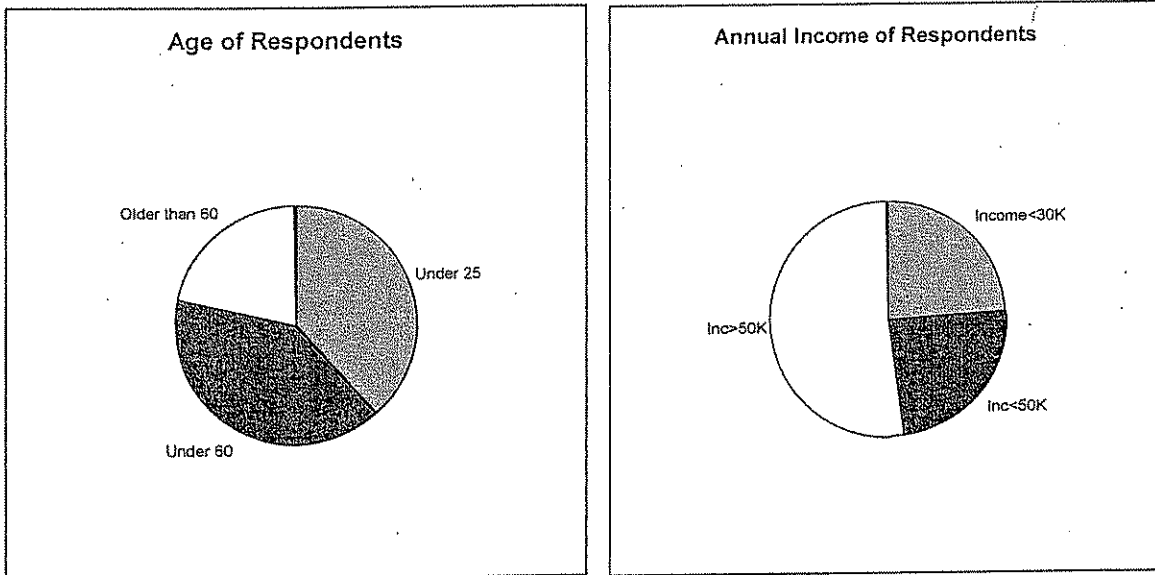
The demographic information was sought exclusively with a view to identify groups that might have a unique or separate relationship with open space and recreation. For instance, a youth might be more interested in sports than garden walks and a senior citizen, the reverse. Furthermore, we looked at income insofar as those who earn a lot of money are much less cramped with respect to recreation. We would not wish to cater exclusively to a slight majority or plurality of the wealthy if there is a significant minority that cannot take advantage, when there is an almost as popular alternative that would cater to everyone. Similarly, those who might have restricted physical ability might be marginalized if we do not understand their needs. We also wanted to track whether people lived in Winchendon and for how long.

As far as the survey questions are concerned, the survey sought to understand the vision the town has for itself. The survey then wanted to establish which natural resources were either most valued or most characteristically defining of Winchendon. Next, the survey inquired as to which recreational facilities served the most Winchendonians and then which ones needed additional financial support. The survey then asked which open space resources needed financial support. The survey asked then whether respondents would value continuing education on natural resource protection, as coordinating planning with education is usually an effective approach. Finally, the survey asked whether the town should pursue Community Preservation Act (CPA) monies and to which valid areas the town could disperse such CPA monies. We also added room for non-quantitative data to allow for better communication with respondents.

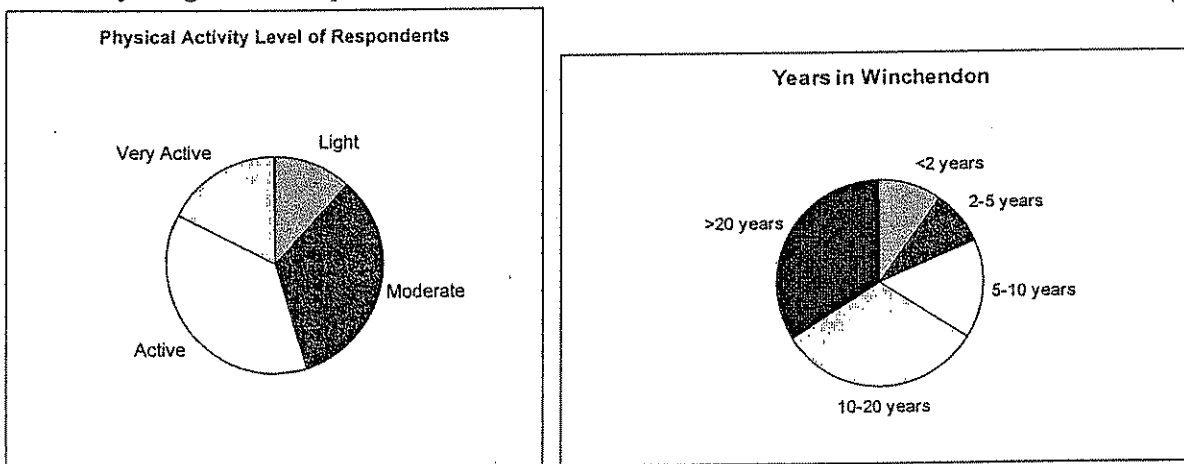
The next issue with the survey was distribution. The original approach was simply to mail the survey to everyone in the town and have them return it by mail. We felt, however, that this approach required too much from respondents to elicit a good number of responses. Consequently, we decided to advertise in the *Winchendon Courier* and to post the survey on the web and distribute surveys at a number of locations throughout the municipality along with drop boxes at those same locations. In this way, the respondents could mail in responses or fill out and drop off responses at Town Hall, the library, Winchendon Health Clinic, the high school, the *Courier* office, or Clark Memorial.

## Response and Demographics

Naturally, the respondents would already be a subset, those interested in open space and recreation within the town, as those who have little interest would presumably not bother to fill out the survey. Nonetheless, there were 235 responses to the survey at the time of this report and more were trickling in. The demographics were as follows:



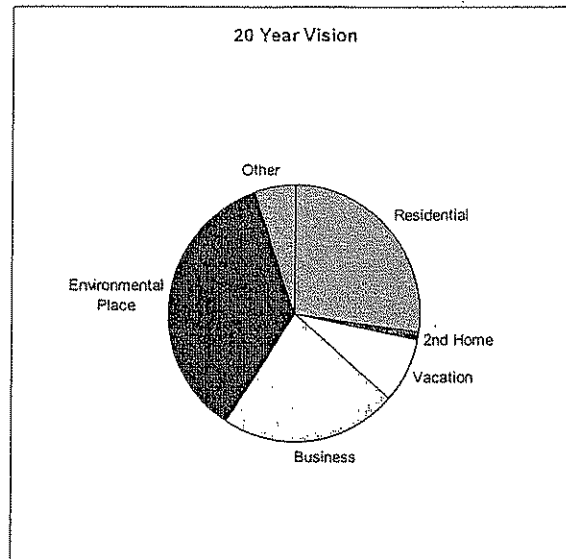
Thus, a good age and income distribution were represented. As for the activity level of respondents, and years in Winchendon, we had a sufficient distribution to represent different categories, though representation was not even. On the other hand, over 95% of respondents lived in Winchendon, with statistically insignificant respondents in other categories.



## Results and Analysis

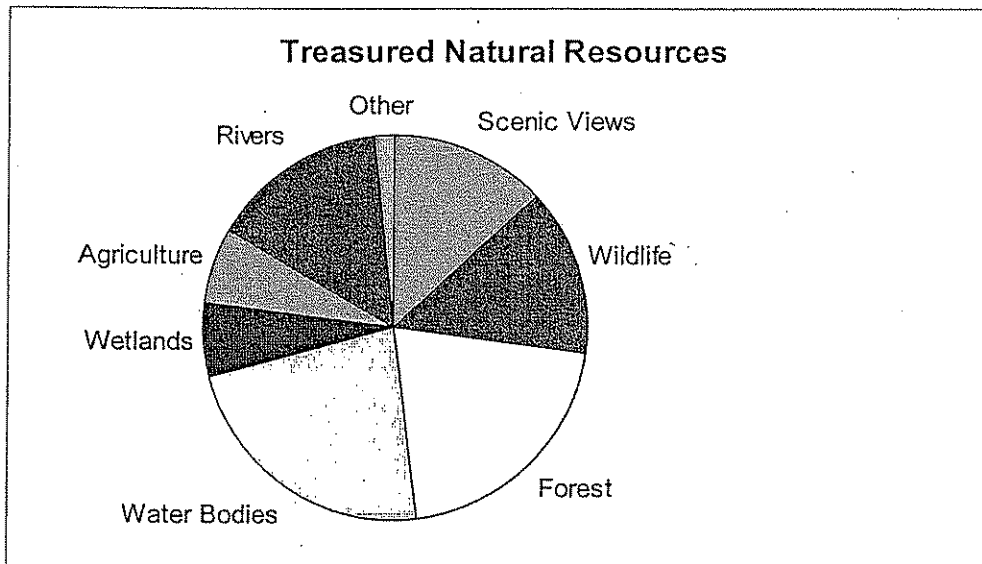
The general vision for Winchendon in 20 years is shown in the pie chart below:





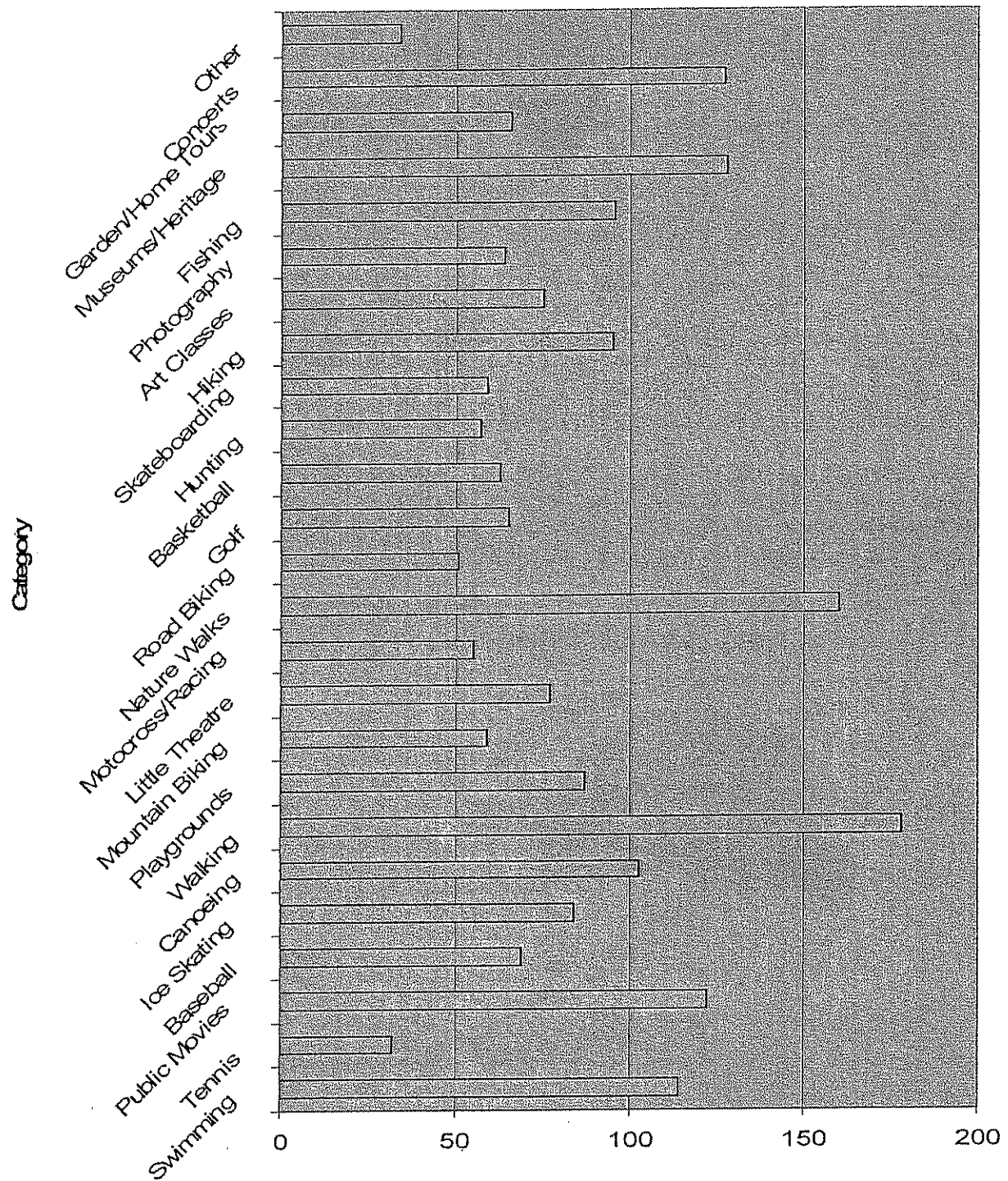
The majority of respondents felt that Winchendon would/should be an environmentally sound place>residential>business>>other. Demographic breakdown adds that those less active and over 60 put more emphasis on business, while newcomers prefer a more residential vision – possibly suggesting recent growth is more ex-urban, bedroom-community from greater Boston.

Open space features that residents treasure appear to be principally water bodies> forested areas>rivers, as might be expected, with wildlife and scenic views trailing slightly. As the distinction is somewhat vague, combining Rivers with Water Bodies yields nearly 40% of all demographic groups appreciation of the ponds, lakes and rivers as the most treasured. All demographic groups feel the top three categories define Winchendon.



As far as the recreational facilities are concerned, the ones respondents think best serve residents are:

### Recreational Facilities Would Best Serve Winchendon

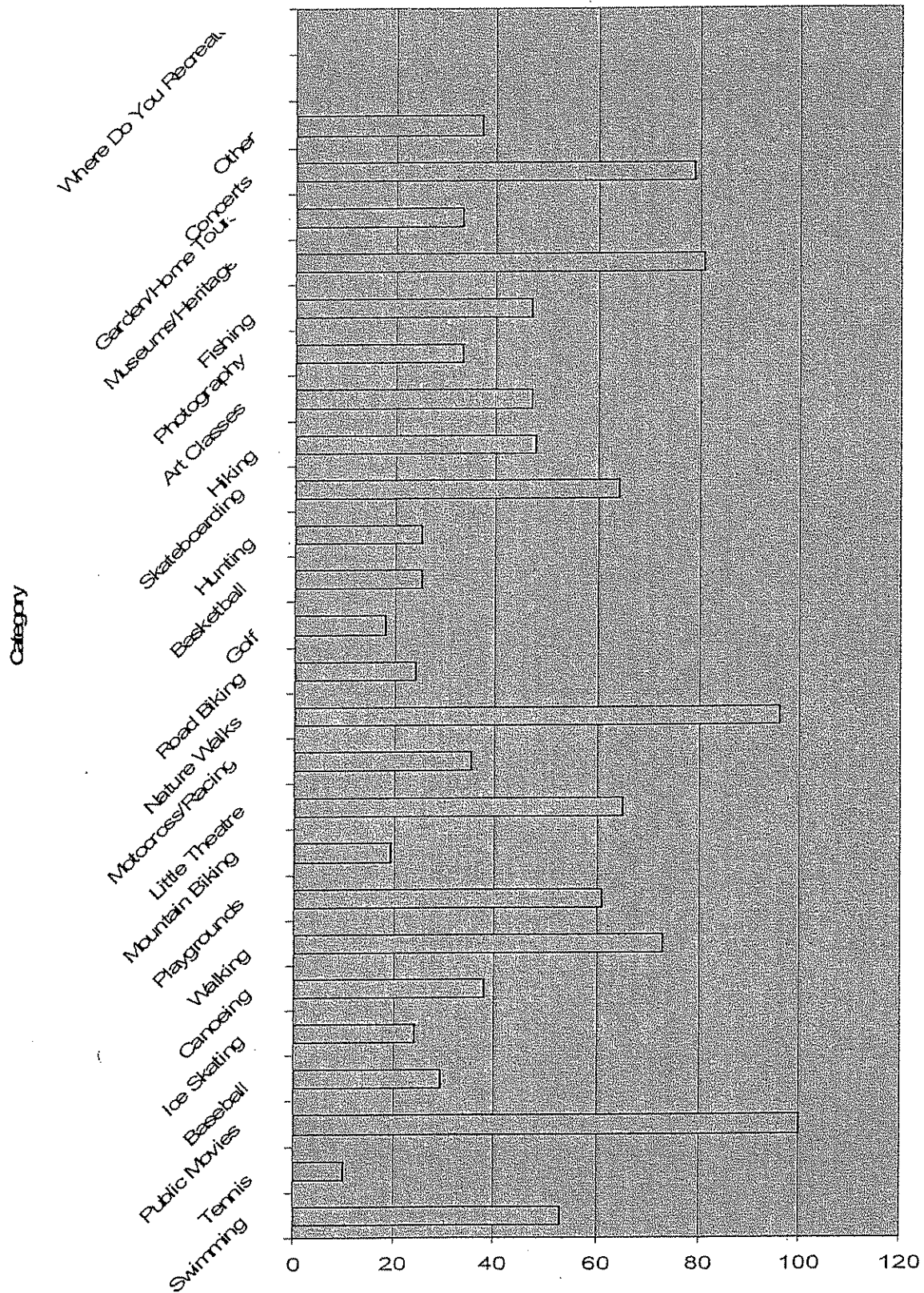


This shows that walking and nature walks slightly exceed the other categories. When grouped into 3 classes of categories: (1) Sports, (2) Hiking/Biking/Outdoors, and (3) Entertainment/Culture, then Class

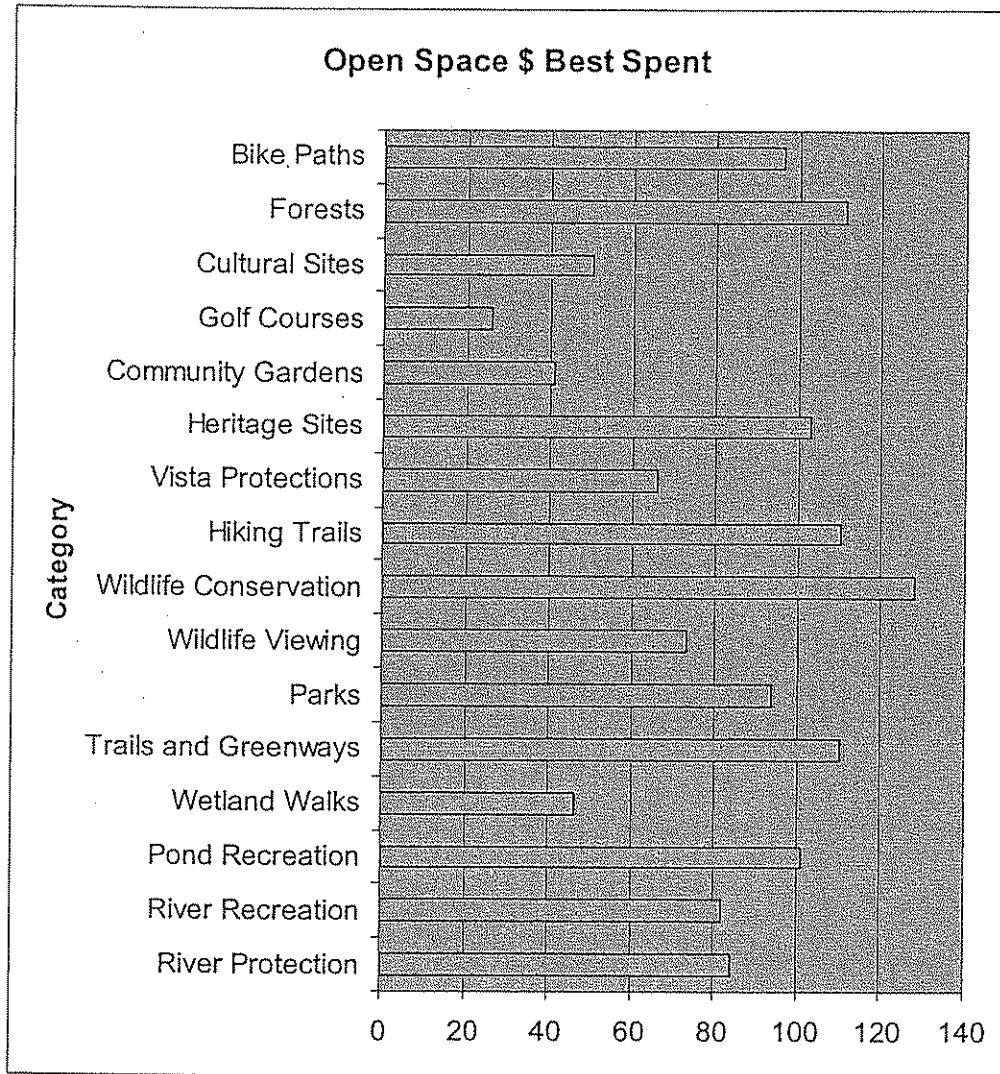
(2) has about 25% greater appeal than Class (3) and 50% greater than Class (1). Interestingly, though, both the youth and seniors valued Entertainment more highly. Public movies gained over 10% of the responses. Sports remain relatively less appealing on average over all demographic groups. This may just suggest that most respondents are happy with access to sports facilities, with Clark Memorial as a frequent write-in asset to preserve, and rather chose to underscore facilities that may need more support or development.

That notion is also suggested by the data in "where the money is best spent" tally. Sport falls to very low numbers and Entertainment rockets upward. Entertainment and Cultural facility support rises to over twice that of Sport and 50% greater than the Hiking/Biking/Outdoor Class. Public movies and Nature walks do extremely well as individual categories. Again the youth and the seniors support Entertainment and cultural facilities more than the middle-age group.

# Recreational \$ Best Spent



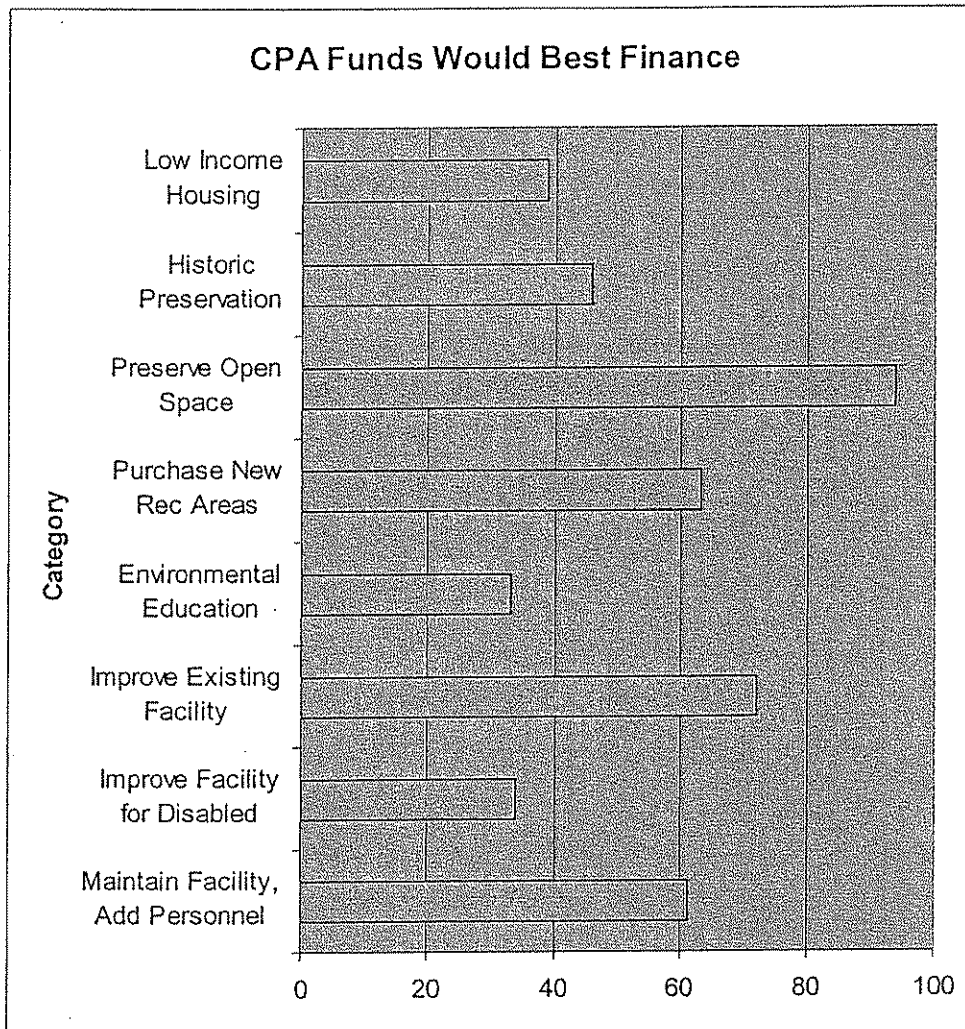
When it comes to spending on open space facilities, wildlife conservation, hiking trails, forests and heritage sites are most suggested and in that order. Grouped as classes: Trails/Paths/Networks, Protection/Preservation, and Recreation/Culture, the former two rank equally high and substantially greater than the last, with Trails being the highest particularly among the young, middle-aged, the well-off and those newly come to Winchendon. Seniors, long-time residents and the financially-crimped (<\$50K) preferred protection.



Just under 50% of respondents claimed they would attend a seminar on natural resources. Those more interested in nature than sports leaned naturally towards attending a seminar.

Interest in having Winchendon participate in the Community Preservation Act (CPA) was around 63%. The distribution of how to spend such monies is listed below. Clearly purchasing open space seemed to have an edge as the most appealing use of CPA funds. No demographic analysis yielded new information or understanding for the CPA spending other than low income was more supportive of low income housing and higher income less supportive of the same, which is not surprising. Older citizens similarly were more interested in disabled facilities and so forth.





### Conclusions, Recommendations and Summary

The mechanism for distributing and collecting surveys (i.e. with drop boxes and so forth) is worthy of repeating. Response was exceptionally good (>235). Thanks again to all residents for their strong and detailed responses.

Winchendonians value rivers, lakes, ponds and forests most. They greatly value assets like the Clark, Lake Denison and the rivers and ponds. They desire to increase support of trail/path networks and encourage more public entertainment, and seem on average to feel that sports are currently well-handled. In fact, consideration should particularly be given to showing public movies. Since nearly half of the respondents said they would attend a seminar on natural resource protection, a decent attendance at such an event appears likely. CPA monies would best finance open space preservation and improving existing facilities.

Finally, action on certain others of the principal responses can be taken. Additional queries and research are available in the Planning Department and more could be conducted.

## **APPENDIX D**

# **Town of Winchendon**

## **ADA/504 Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan Update - JUNE 2006 -**

### **Introduction**

It is the goal of the Town of Winchendon to make all property and activities under its control accessible to all of its residents regardless of any physical or mental condition. It is the policy of the Town's to identify and mediate any physical barrier so as to comply with State and Federal laws.

While the majority of the parcels are ADA compliant, there are a couple that can be improved upon. The Town takes a positive and proactive approach to adherence to the intent of this law.

### **Park and Recreation Areas:**

North Central Pathway: Three miles constructed and ADA compliant with one mile scheduled for construction and will be ADA compliant. There are two miles that are undeveloped at this time with plans to be ADA compliant. There is parking at two trail end including handicapped accessible parking spaces.

American Legion Park: Located adjacent to the Town Hall, there is plenty of available parking along Pleasant Street to include handicapped accessible spaces. The area is flat and grassy and poses no accessibility problems.

G.A.R. Memorial Park: Located between Grove and Park Street this park is fully accessible from all sides. The terrain features towards the center and adjacent to the statue of a Republic soldier incline slightly, however it doesn't pose any barrier for out handicapped citizens.

Old Center Common Park: This area is completely accessible from all sides with roadside parking available. Only several small areas have slightly uneven areas which might challenge on foot traversing.

Militia Training Area: This historic area which was used as a training area during the revolutionary war timeframe is in general accessible to the public; however there is limited parking available. Slightly rolling terrain features might prove to be a challenge for some handicapped persons. This area is more of a historic feature rather than for recreational purposes with the exception of an occasional family picnic.



Rocking Horse Monument: Home to "Clyde" the world's largest rocking horse commemorates Winchendon's manufacturing history.

WWI Memorial Park: This small parcel is located between Route 2 and West Street. It is accessible from all sides with street side parking. As with most of our park areas, the only foreseeable problems might be slight degree of incline/decline in the terrain.

### **Conservation Commission Areas**

There are currently no parcels under the control of the Conservation Commission at this time. The Commission is aware of the requirement for ADA compliance should any lands come under their control.

### **Programs and Meetings**

Occasional concerts are held in GAR Park. The Conservation Commission and the Parks and Recreation meeting are held in the Town Hall. Reasonable accommodations can be made by advance notification.

### **Grievance Policy**

Formal Grievance Procedures have been established to process complaints regarding compliance with federal handicapped regulations and to recommend appropriate action on any such complaints. Policy is attached.

Town Manager, James Kreidler, has appointed Anne Marie Blake, Financial Manager, Department of Planning and Development, as the Town's ADA/504 Coordinator. The ADA Coordinator will conduct periodic public meetings giving the community the opportunity to address the Town's ADA issues in regards to progress and identification of barriers and actions required to remediate them.

## **Conclusion**

The Town of Winchendon has made significant progress in recent years towards meeting the needs of it handicapped citizens. Strained municipal budgets in past years are the primary reason that the 100% compliance standards have eluded this historic community in the realm of Parks and Recreation. As noted above however, you can see that the Town has a solid grasp on this objective with "Continuous Improvement" as a motto as we move towards a greater community.

The ADA coordinator is working vigorously and in coordination with the Town management and its citizens towards successful completion of this vitally important goal. As concerns are raised, they are investigated and plans are implemented to make Winchendon a place for all to live.

TABLE 1

Town of Winchendon  
ADA Self Evaluation

Location	Barriers	Recommended Actions
<b>Buildings</b>		
<b><i>Town Hall</i></b>		
Public meetings, including Conservation Commission and Recreation Commission; various services	Accessible from parking area Elevator Handicapped parking	Provide TTY
<b><i>Senior Center – Old Murdock</i></b>		
Proposed Senior Center	No elevator No accessible bathrooms	Proposed project will include ramp, elevator; accessible bathrooms & other barrier removal items. Provide local transportation for seniors directly from the center.
<b>Park and Recreation Areas</b>		
<b><i>North Central Pathway</i></b>		
Multi-use paved pathway	Handicapped accessible Handicapped parking spaces	Maintain trail for accessibility
<b><i>American Legion Park</i></b>		
Open space	Handicapped accessible	Provide handicapped parking
<b><i>G.A.R. Memorial Park</i></b>		
Open space, gazebo, public movies and concerts	Handicapped accessible	Provide handicapped parking
<b><i>Old Center Common Park</i></b>		
Open space; historic	Roadside parking	Provide handicapped parking
<b><i>Militia Training Center</i></b>		
Open space; historic	Limited parking No paved access ways	Consider accessible path
<b><i>Rocking Horse Monument</i></b>		
Historic	Accessible from adjacent parking area	None
<b><i>WWI Memorial Park</i></b>		
Open space	Handicapped accessible	Provide handicapped parking
<b><i>North Royalston Road Property</i></b>		
Conservation Commission property, open space, wetlands		Handicapped parking Consider providing accessible trail

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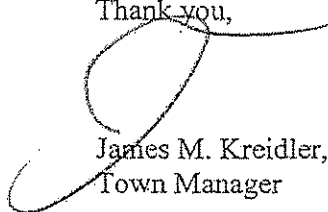
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June 7, 2006

To Whom It May Concern:

I hereby designate Anne Marie Blake, Planning and Development Financial Manager, as  
ADA Coordinator for the Town of Winchendon.

Thank you,



James M. Kreidler, Jr.  
Town Manager

## **TOWN OF WINCHENDON MUNICIPAL GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES**

The following grievance procedure is established to meet the requirement of the Americans with Disabilities Act. It may be used by anyone who wishes to file a complaint alleging discrimination on the basis of disability in employment practices or the policies or the provision of services, activities, programs and benefits by the Town of Winchendon.

The complaint should be in writing and contain information about the alleged discrimination such as name, address, phone number of complainant and location, date and description of the problem. Reasonable accommodations such as personal interviews or a tape recording of the complaint will be made available for persons with disabilities who are unable to submit a written complaint.

The complaint should be submitted by the grievant and/or his/her designee as soon as possible but no later than 60 calendar days after the alleged violation to the ADA Coordinator:

**Anne Marie Blake, Financial Manager, Department of Planning & Development  
109 Front Street  
Winchendon, MA 01475  
Phone # 978-297-3308**

Within 15 calendar days after receipt of the complaint the ADA Coordinator will meet the complainant to discuss the complaint and possible resolutions. Within 15 calendar days after the meeting the ADA Coordinator will respond in writing, and where appropriate in a format accessible to the complainant such as audiotape. The response will explain the position of the Town of Winchendon and offer options for the substantive resolution of the complaint.

If the response by the ADA Coordinator does not satisfactorily resolve the issue, the complainant and/or his/designee may appeal the decision of the ADA coordinator within 15 calendar days after receipt of the response to the Town Manager or his designee.

Within 15 calendar days after receipt of the appeal, the Town Manager or his designee will meet with the complainant to discuss the complaint and possible resolutions. Within 15 calendar days after the meeting the Town Manager or his designee will respond in writing and where appropriate in a format accessible to the complainant such as audiotape with a final resolution of the complaint

All complaints received by the ADA Coordinator, appeals to the Town Manager or his designee and responses from the ADA Coordinator and the Town Manager or his Designee will be kept by the Town of Winchendon for at least three years.

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

### **AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT REQUIREMENTS**

The Town of Winchendon advises applicants, participants and the public that it does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission or access to programs and facilities, treatment or employment in its programs, services and activities.

The Town of Winchendon has designated the following individual to coordinate efforts to comply with these requirements. Inquiries and complaints should be directed to:

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