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Open Hearings were held by the Open Space Committee on January 5, 2005 and January 12, 2005 to discuss the draft 2005 Open Space Plan Update. A similar meeting with the Planning Board was held on July 20, 2005. Positive comments recommending approval of this Plan were received from the Cape Cod Commission, the Town of Wellfleet Planning Board, Town of Wellfleet Conservation Commission and the Town of Wellfleet Board of Selectmen, all included below. Groups and individuals receiving and/or reviewing sections or all the Draft Plan are listed below. The Plan was also listed on the town's website for general public viewing.

GROUPS/INDIVIDUALS RECEIVING/REVIEWING DRAFT PLAN				
TITLE	NAME	MAILING ADDRESS	PHONE (508)	DISTRIBUTION /REVIEW DATE
Town Administrator	Timothy C. Smith	300 Main Street Wellfleet, MA 02667	349-0300	June-July 2005
Assistant Town Administrator	Rex Peterson	300 Main Street Wellfleet, MA 02667	349-0300	June-July 2005
Cape Cod Commission Executive Director	Margo Fenn	3225 Main St., Barnstable, MA 02630	362-3828	June-July 2005
Wellfleet Board of Selectmen Chair	Ira Wood	300 Main Street Wellfleet, MA 02667	349-0300	June-July 2005
Wellfleet Board of Assessors	Nancy Vail	300 Main Street Wellfleet, MA 02667	349-0304	June-July 2005
Wellfleet Planning Board Chair	Dennis O'Connell	300 Main Street Wellfleet, MA 02667	349-0314	June-July 2005
Health and Conservation Agent	Hillary Greenberg	300 Main Street Wellfleet, MA 02667	349-0308	June-July 2005
Recreation Director	Rebecca Rosenberg	300 Main Street Wellfleet, MA 02667	349-0300	June-July 2005
Wellfleet Conservation Trust President	Dennis O'Connell	300 Main Street Wellfleet, MA 02667	362-2565 (The Compact)	June-July 2005
Cape Cod National Seashore, biologist	John Portnoy	99 Marconi Station Site Road Wellfleet, MA 02667	349-3785	June-July 2005
Massachusetts Audubon Society Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary, Executive Director	Robert Prescott	291 State Highway, Route 6 P.O. Box 236 South Wellfleet, MA 02663	508-349-2615	June-July 2005
The Compact	Mark	Main St.,	362-2565	June-July 2005

of Cape Cod Conservation Trusts Inc., Executive Director	Robinson	Barnstable, MA 02630		
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July 12, 2005

Ms. Jennifer Soper
Division of Conservation Services
Executive Office of Environmental Affairs
100 Cambridge Street, Ninth Floor
Boston, MA 02114

Dear Ms. Soper:

The Wellfleet Board of Selectmen have had the opportunity to review our updated Open Space and Recreation Plan. Indeed, the entire Town has had the opportunity because it has been available to the public on our Town Web Page since the early spring.

The Open Space and Recreation Plan is comprehensive and addresses both short term and long term goals and opportunities throughout our Town. It is important to note that appropriate elements of it will be incorporated into Wellfleet's Local Comprehensive Plan, which is in the process of revision. The Board of Selectmen have repeatedly indicated their strong commitment to the Plan and its successful implementation.

Our Open Space Committee has had a continuous, long term record of outstanding performance and results. They were effective in the years preceding the adoption of the Cape Cod Land Bank; in the acquisition of significant properties through Land Bank funds (41 acres acquired at an average cost of \$32,000 per acre, despite the skyrocketing real estate market here); and they will continue to be effective now that the Town has adopted the Community Preservation Act.

Their work in creating the updated Open Space and Recreation Plan in concert with a host of both public committees and private groups is consistent with that superb performance, and the Plan will be an invaluable tool in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

Dale W. Donovan, Chairman
WELLFLEET BOARD OF SELECTMEN

cc: Robert Hubby, Open Space Committee

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July 15, 2005

Robert O'Connor, Director
Office of Land and Forest Conservation Services
100 Cambridge Street
Boston, MA 02114

Re: Wellfleet Open Space and Recreation Plan

Dear Mr. O'Connor:

The Cape Cod Commission staff has reviewed the Town of Wellfleet Open Space and Recreation Plan Update and would like to recommend its approval by the Office of Land and Forest Conservation Services.

This plan provides both a comprehensive assessment of the town's open space and recreational needs and serves as an important framework for addressing the community's land protection goals. The plan includes an excellent inventory, including plant and wildlife habitats, upland and wetland resources, shellfish resources, culturally significant resources and landscapes, as well as a comprehensive inventory of protected lands, beaches, and ponds. This inventory, together with a comprehensive analysis and discussion of the development pressures in Wellfleet, lays the framework for the plan.

The Wellfleet plan incorporates the open space goals of the Regional Policy Plan and advances several of its recommended actions. In addition, Wellfleet has put the plan into action: through its Land Bank fund, the town has successfully pursued protection of sensitive areas outside of the National Seashore, recently focusing on expanding protected lands in the Fox Island Marsh area. Partnerships with the Wellfleet Conservation Trust and Massachusetts Audubon, as well as generous funding from the state, have secured significant acreage in this area.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this plan. Please let me know if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,

Margo L. Fenn
Executive Director

cc: Alan Platt, Wellfleet representative to the Cape Cod Commission



Wellfleet Planning Board

Wellfleet Town Hall
300 Main Street
Wellfleet, MA 02667

Memo

To: Open Space Committee

From: Planning Board

Date: July 21, 2005

Re: Open Space Plan

The Wellfleet Planning Board had a very productive meeting with the Open Space Committee July 20, 2005. The Board reviewed the Open Space Plan draft, made comments and suggested changes that were accepted and made other suggestions for consideration. The Planning Board looks forward to more dialogue. We believe the general concepts in the plan will provide for acquisition and protection for future open space.



**TOWN OF WELFLEET
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

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July 20, 2005

Robert Hubby, Chairman
Open Space Committee
Wellfleet Town Hall
300 Main Street
Wellfleet, MA 02667

Dear Mr. Hubby:

The Wellfleet Conservation Commission strongly supports the 2005 updated Open Space and Recreation plan as presented. We believe this updated plan will be a credible asset to guide the town in its protection of natural resources, conservation of open space, and recreation program efforts. The Commission believes that it is imperative to conserve the open space that is left and also to allow for passive recreation at the same time.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this plan. Please let us know if we can be of any further assistance to your Committee.

Yours Truly,

Dee Dee Cunniff - HEADHUNT CONSERVATION AGENT