

**Mansfield Open Space Preservation Committee**  
APPROVED Minutes of January 24, 2012 meeting

Members present: Jim Morrow (chair), Vicky Wetherell, Sue Westa, Quentin Kessel, Ken Feathers, Jennifer Kaufman (staff). Also attending: Wayne Hawthorne, Steve Bacon

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:35.
2. Vicky was appointed acting secretary.
3. Minutes of the December 20 meeting were approved.

**4. Opportunity for Public Comment**

No comments.

**New Business**

**5. Hawthorne Lane Conservation Easement** The committee voted to consider this item first. Steve Bacon presented a Hawthorn Lane variation for CL&P's proposed new transmission line. The committee voted unanimously to support this variation, which would avoid having new power lines located close to four homes. The proposed amendment of conservation easement areas would increase the total conservation easement area on these house lots, and the committee views that as a positive change. The committee noted that the swap would occur on private property and would not involve any Town-owned land.

**Old Business**

**6. Open Space Action Plan** The committee reviewed the plan, which was included in correspondence to the Council for their January 23 meeting. The Council will schedule a future time for the committees to present their recommendations for Council approval. The committee will schedule a future meeting with Joshua's Trust representatives to consider cooperative projects.

**New Business**

**7. Committee membership** The committee noted Susan Westa's resignation and thanked her for her contributions to the committee. Potential new members were proposed.

**Announcements**

**8.** Jennifer informed the committee about upcoming Conservation Commission and Agriculture Committee events.

**9.** Meeting adjourned at 8:55.

