

**Mansfield Open Space Preservation Committee**  
APPROVED Minutes of December 18, 2012 meeting

Members present: Jim Morrow (chair), Michael Soares, Ken Feathers, Vicky Wetherell, Quentin Kessel, Jennifer Kaufman (staff). Also attending: Gwen Haaland.

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:30.
2. Vicky was appointed acting secretary.
3. Minutes of the November 27, 2012 special meeting were approved.

**Opportunity for Public Comment**

4. Gwen Haaland, Ashford Conservation Commission member, informed the committee about a Great Path (also known as the Old. Ct. Path) project to develop a public trail along the path from Boston to Hartford. The path does not go through Mansfield.

**Old Business**

5. *Beacon Hill Estates Section II* The committee reviewed the proposed Beacon Hill Estates Section II subdivision. Although the committee did not have final maps, they made final recommendations concerning proposed Town-owned open space and conservation easement areas. These final comments will be forwarded to PZC for a January 7 public hearing along with an appendix containing OSPC comments about a preliminary map (October 17, 2012).

**Announcements/Communications**

6. *Mansfield Tomorrow Update* Jennifer presented an overview of the Mansfield Tomorrow project, which will include assistance from several consulting firms to update the POCD in these areas: agriculture, economic development, housing, zoning. A local Advisory Group will be established to guide the project. After hearing from the community, Goody, Clancy will draft a POCD. OSPC members asked what the process would be for updating other parts of the Plan, especially those parts concerning conservation issues. They also asked how advisory committees/commissions would be involved in this project.

**Executive Session**

7. The committee voted to go into Executive Session at 8:55 and to come out of Executive Session at 9:36. Recommendations will be forwarded to the Town Manager.

8. Meeting adjourned at 9:40.

