

OAK GROVE FARM

Procedural Acquisition

Oak Grove Farm Commission (OGF) is a 108 acre parcel land that borders Island Road; Ridge, Orchard, and Middlesex Streets. At a Special Town meeting held on March 20, 1984, it was voted to purchase OGF from the Izbicki family. The standing count vote was, "yes," 478, "no," 19. At yet another Special Town Meeting held on October 29, 1984, after lengthy discussion by an overflow crowd, it was voted that the designation for OGF be changed from municipal use to parks and recreation use. The standing count was, "yes," 244, "no," 216. Yet again, on November 19, 1984, at a recessed Special Town Meeting (from October 30, 1984), it was proposed by the Board of Selectmen in Article 1, that a certain 4.946 acres of land located at OGF, bounded by Island Road and Exchange Street (that is the original and main soccer field at OGF), be conveyed to the Millis Housing Authority for one dollar, said parcel to be used for the development and maintenance of low-income housing. The vote was against this Article by a standing count of, "yes," 223, "no," 8.

On May 13, 1984, during the Annual Town Meeting it was voted that the Moderator appoint a Study Committee for the purpose of researching present and future uses of OGF. At the 1987 Annual Town Report of the Town of Millis.

same Town Meeting, a subsequent article asked for a small amount of money to help with the preparation of this plan. That article was dismissed.

The OGF Study Committee submitted its second report for publication in the 1986 Annual Town Report.

The OGF Study Committee was continued for one year. At a recessed Town Meeting held on May 18, 1987, Article 52 stated: "To see if the Town will vote to establish a commission to be known as the Oak Grove Farm Commission will have the authority and responsibility to oversee and manage the property owned by the Town of Millis and known as the Oak Grove Farm, said Commission to consist of five members, each serving three year terms, to be appointed by the Town Moderator, or act in any manner relating thereto. VOTED that the Town establish a commission to be known as the Oak Grove Farm Commission which shall have the authority to oversee and manage the property known as OAK GROVE FARM, said commission to consist of five members each serving three year terms, to be appointed by the Town Moderator." No vote numbers were given.

Maintenance

OGF consists of athletic fields (soccer and baseball), a playground (the second constructed at the site), walking trails, and parking areas. A garden consisting of perennials and

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annuals is maintained primarily by the Millis Garden Club, with assistance by the commissioners of OGF (commissioners). From generally ___ to ___, two portable toilets are located at OGF.