



# Town of Westminster

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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE  
**Open Space Committee**  
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## MINUTES OF MEETING --- Monday, June 21, 2012 5 p.m. --- Rm. 120 in Town Hall

To: Board of Selectmen; Conservation Commission, Parks & Recreation Committee

Members/Guests PRESENT: Chairman Gregg Buckman, Marie Auger, Donna Brownell, Richelle Brown, Joe Flanagan, Josh Schonborg, planner Steve Wallace & guest/advisor Jan Morrison & Mike Fortin

--5:15 p.m. Opened meeting. Group agreed to approve February minutes at next meeting.

--Morrison reported on Forest Legacy "Quabbin to Wachusett" project which is in Phase II. Meeting to be held soon for the next budget round with Forest Legacy State Committee at DCR office in West Boylston. Acreage owned by George Lane on Lanes Road fits within the project, along with Maki and Johnson properties. It was reported that Toivo Wilen passed away and his estate includes 73 acres that have frontage on Knowler and Minott roads. The son, Bill Wilen, is a National Park ranger in D.C. The house/lot is at edge of property and could easily be excluded from open space portion. Morrison noted that, as project gets funded and proceeds, Forest Legacy will purchase either fee simple or by conservation restriction, up to 75 percent of the land's market value.

--Some open space in Fitchburg that can "greenway" into Westminster was described by Morrison as Nagy Spring connecting to McTaggerts Pond. A further connection could be devised to connect these parcels to Phillips Brook, across Route 12 and up the hill at the Brookside subdivision open space, where Midstate Trail runs north/south. The trail up there goes though land owned by NCLT and then over land owned by Therriot [lot 27]. Morrison talked about a LAND grant from the state, and options for funding a "match" that would not involve town funds. The match could come from other agencies, or as a donation from the landowner.

--Some discussion ensued regarding a Resource Management Protection Plan for Crocker Pond Recreational Area. The BOS has not yet finalized details or formally asked any boards to provide a representative, so group agreed to wait for direction from BOS.

6:25 p.m. Adjourn. --*Next meeting is TBA*

Respectfully submitted,

**Marie Auger**