

SECTION 10

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public involvement in the shaping of this Open Space and Recreation Plan was an important and crucial element in the process that led to its final form. Public feedback was sought throughout the entire planning and working process. The text and maps included in the Plan contain, and were enhanced by, such input.

Both formal and informal opportunities for public input have included (and are described in more detail in Sections 2 and 6 and the Appendices of this Plan):

- Public Visioning Forum, held on 24oct12, attended by 60 Town residents;
- Community Survey, received by ~900 Shelburne households, of which 339 responded;
- On-going consultations with Town boards and committees all through the process;
- The inclusion of liaisons from the ConComm, Planning Board, AgComm and Rec Committee as members of the OSRP Update Sub-Committee;
- Outreach to and informal input from a variety of Town constituencies, conducted by USC members;
- Public Meeting, held on 21nov13, attended by ~40 Shelburne residents and Town officials;
- Two week extended public comment period (22nov13 to 6 dec13), to allow final feedback from residents not able to attend the Nov 21st Public Meeting (copies of the Draft were available at the two Shelburne libraries, in the Town Hall and posted on the Town website.)

Copies of the draft Open Space and Recreation Plan were also sent to the following boards and organizations for review and comment:

- Massachusetts Division of Conservation Services (DCS)
- Shelburne Board of Selectmen
- Shelburne Planning Board
- Shelburne Conservation Commission
- Shelburne Recreation Committee
- Franklin Land Trust

Letters of comment and support are inserted into the Plan at the end of this section. The letters reflect a broad base of support for the research, analysis, and recommendations developed by the USC with significant public input.

