

Appendix A: SURVEY SUMMARY

Town of Grafton Open Space and Recreation Plan Survey 2006

As of June 16, 2006, we have 870 completed surveys for a total response rate of 12.2%. What follows below is a summary of the survey results. Please note that numerical counts appear (in brackets) next to the possible responses, followed by some analysis at the bottom of each question.

1.	How important is each of the following: <i>(please circle the number corresponding to your choice)</i>			3 – important 2 – neutral 1 – not important
	...buildings and places of historical interest or value	3 (579)	2 (231)	1 (41)
	...farmlands and agricultural lands	3 (571)	2 (229)	1 (53)
	...open spaces for water supply protection	3 (728)	2 (114)	1 (16)
	...open spaces for conservation and passive recreation (e.g., trails)	3 (616)	2 (159)	1 (42)
	...land and facilities for active recreation	3 (544)	2 (241)	1 (68)

All of the choices received a high percentage of “important” ratings:

- Open spaces for water protection: 85% of respondents rated as important.
- Open spaces for conservation/passive rec.: 75% of respondents rated as important.
- Historical buildings and places: 68% of respondents rated as important.
- Farmland preservation: 67% of respondents rated as important.
- Land/facilities for active recreation: 64% of respondents rated as important.

None of the choices even came close to receiving a significant amount of “not important” responses.

2.	To preserve open spaces in town, would you: <i>(please circle an answer for each)</i>	
	...sell or contribute a conservation restriction to protect your land from future development	yes (475) no (275)
	...vote for a town-supported acquisition of land and/or conservation restriction	yes (735) no (94)
	...favor zoning that provides for increases in density in existing developed areas in exchange for open space in existing less developed or environmentally sensitive areas	yes (520) no (274)
	...support the concept of Limited Development by the Town of Grafton (acquiring land and allowing enough development to off-set cost of acquisition and preserving remainder of land)	yes (731) no (92)
	...support a requirement for all new residential developments to include conservation/open space areas	yes (688) no (78)
	...other (specify).....	

All of the choices received a high percentage of “yes” responses:

- Support a requirement that all new development include open space: 90% yes.
- Vote for town-supported open space acquisition: 89% yes.

- Support the concept of limited development: 89% yes.
- Favor zoning that increases density in some areas in exchange for open space in others: 65% yes.
- Sell or contribute a conservation restriction: 63% yes.

3. How satisfied are you with: *(please circle an answer for each)*

		3 – satisfied	2 – neutral	1 – dissatisfied
...the variety and/or amount of existing recreational programs	3 (241)	2 (488)	1 (119)	
...the variety and/or amount of existing recreational facilities	3 (176)	2 (423)	1 (249)	
...the maintenance or condition of existing active recreational facilities	3 (204)	2 (474)	1 (166)	
...the maintenance or condition of existing passive recreational facilities (e.g., trails) or conservation land	3 (191)	2 (487)	1 (149)	
...do you have any suggestions?.....				

For all of the choices in Question #3, the majority of responses were neutral in regards to satisfaction with existing recreation programs/facilities. The only choice where the number of “dissatisfied” responses outnumbered the “satisfied” responses was the variety/amount of existing recreation facilities choice (249 dissatisfied versus 176 satisfied).

4. Please check off the top five recreational facilities you feel are needed.

(445) bike trails	(283) local neighborhood parks
(373) hiking and skiing trails	(104) dog park
(404) conservation areas	(88) outdoor amphitheater
(271) children’s play areas	(268) public access areas to water bodies for boating or fishing
(223) swimming pool	(173) recreation center building
(205) family picnic areas	(110) tennis courts
(309) fields for soccer, softball, baseball and football	(115) ice skating rink
(195) town common improvement	(226) large park with many facilities
(36) campground	(60) hunting
__ other (specify).....	

The top three responses were bike trails (445 votes), conservation areas (404 votes) and hiking/skiing trails (373 votes). This is indicative of a community preference for more conservation areas that are open to the public for passive recreation.

5. Please rate the following recreation facilities in Town *(please circle an answer for each)*

		4 excellent	3 good	2 fair	1 poor
Silver Lake Beach	4 (87)	3 (355)	2 (220)	1 (39)	
Super Park	4 (66)	3 (296)	2 (194)	1 (57)	
Norcross / Miner Field	4 (125)	3 (316)	2 (146)	1 (19)	
Grafton Common	4 (279)	3 (391)	2 (103)	1 (11)	
Neighborhood Parks	4 (38)	3 (287)	2 (267)	1 (59)	

Most of Grafton’s recreation parks received good marks, but some did better than others:

- Grafton Common: 85% excellent/good response rate

- Norcross/Miner Field: 73% excellent/good response rate
- Silver Lake Beach: 63% excellent/good response rate
- Super Park: 59% excellent/good response rate
- Neighborhood Parks: 50% excellent/good response rate

Roughly half of Grafton’s residents are not happy with the maintenance of neighborhood parks and the ratings for Super Park and Silver Lake should be higher. Ideally, a two-thirds excellent/good rating should be achieved for all parks under the Town’s jurisdiction.

6.

Please circle for each question
5 – very important
1 – not important

Should our Town’s priorities for expenditure be?					
...improve/maintain existing active recreational facilities	5 (368)	4 (291)	3 (139)	2 (27)	1 (19)
...acquire land for and/or build new active recreational facilities	5 (214)	4 (200)	3 (259)	2 (81)	1 (91)
...acquire conservation lands for passive recreation use (e.g., trails)	5 (337)	4 (220)	3 (172)	2 (67)	1 (59)
...improve/maintain existing conservation lands for passive recreation use	5 (354)	4 (277)	3 (149)	2 (44)	1 (29)

For this question, we are looking for a majority of the responses to be on either side of the middle number (3). Three is the neutral number between very important on one side (5) and not important on the other side (1).

- Improve/maintain existing recreation facilities: 78% of respondents rated this 4 or 5.
- Improve/maintain existing conservation lands for passive recreation uses: 74% of respondents rated this 4 or 5.
- Acquire conservation lands for passive recreation: 65% of respondents rated this 4 or 5.
- Acquire land for new active recreation facilities: 49% of respondents rated this 4 or 5.

The results of this question seem to indicate that Grafton residents want to see the Town take care of existing facilities/properties rather than purchase new properties or build new facilities. The results of this question are consistent with the results of Question #5 where existing facilities were rated in terms of resident satisfaction.

7.

Would you be willing to:	<i>(please circle an answer for each)</i>	
...volunteer to assist with developing and/or operating recreational facilities	yes (318)	no (478)
...attend Town Meeting to support proposals for acquiring land for conservation and/or passive recreation	yes (630)	no (183)
...attend Town Meeting to support proposals for building active recreational facilities	yes (533)	no (261)
...attend Town Meeting to support zoning proposals or other legislative actions that favor open space and/or recreation initiatives	yes (641)	no (161)
If you are interested in volunteering please contact the Board of Selectmen - tel: 508 839 5335		

Most people are willing to support Town Meeting open space initiatives, and a sizable minority (318 responders) is willing to volunteer time for developing/operating recreation facilities:

- Support zoning proposals that favor open space/recreation initiatives: 80% yes
19% no
- Support proposals for acquiring land for conservation/passive recreation: 77% yes
22% no
- Support proposals for building active recreation facilities: 67% yes
31% no
- Volunteer to assist with developing/operating recreation facilities: 40% yes
60% no

To help us interpret the results, please answer this final question

- 8.** How long have you been a resident of Grafton? *(please check)*
- (231) less than 5 years
 - (190) 5 – 10 years
 - (151) 11 – 20 years
 - (287) more than 20 years

The respondents were almost evenly divided between newcomers (49% people here less than ten years) and old-timers (51% people here more than ten years). This is good as it means that the results were not skewed towards either category.

Written Comments from Survey Forms

The additional comments are listed below.

2. *To preserve open spaces in town, would you: Choice F: Other*

- 1+ acre minimum lots
- 3 acre minimum for building, 1 house per 3 acres.
- affordable housing with every devt - this will protect us from 40b - which defeat all your questions above.
- Building Moratorium.
- developer must supply water and sewerage and repave all roadways affected by construction.
- do not support affordable housing by legislation.
- don't approve more res dev when there is already a school problem.
- encourage mixed use zoning
- enough construction - our road systems, water supply and resources cannot support what we have now.
- expand Blackstone River Valley trail with walkways, bike routes, dog walks etc.
- Growth tax on new devt or purchases
- I would contribute yearly donations towards operation and purchase of land for ORV use (dirtbikes/atv's)
- Immediately limit devt. Force all new devt to set aside low income units.
- implement 1 acre zoning per bldg lot - plan 40b's properly, not haphazard.
- increase community preservation assessments.
- increase lot size for housing devt
- increase minimum house lot from current requirement.
- Increase minimum lot size.
- increase minimum lot size.
- increase minimum lot sizes.
- Increased zoning to 3 acres minimum per house lot.
- increasing density does not solve the problem.
- large subdivisions on small lots is destroying the charm of our country town.
- less condo devt.
- less construction.
- Limit lot size two 2 acres
- limit number of building permits
- limit number of building permits for new res annually.
- limit number of building permits per year.
- limit res dev in favor of mixed use devt.
- limit taxes on land therefore people not forced to sell to developers.
- Maintenance & leasing of existing farm land/space. Limited new housing development
- make builders give back to the community with extra land, money, rec facilities.
- Moratorium on building
- moratorium on building subdivisions until town evaluates impact on town services and how to pay for them.
- Moratorium on devt.
- Moratorium on new house construction.
- more stringent laws on developing on wetlands & scenic roads.
- New devts should contribute to infrastructure burden eg schools.
- no more development!
- permit farmland to be grandfathered to allow continued farming by farmer owners tax free till farming discontinued and land transferred to Town of Grafton for recreation activities.
- referendum to cap devt.
- Require all new res developers to include playground or contribute to upgrading rec fields etc
- require one acre minimum lots
- stop all condos, too many.

- stop building
- stop building housing and put effort in the children
- stop building mini castles in well water areas
- stop giving permits for new homes.
- Stop overdeveloping condominiums
- Support minimum acreage and limitations of condo/townhome devt.
- support minimum lot size of 1 acre to minimize devt.
- support more/better parks & ball fields
- support requirement for new res dev for rec space.
- support zoning changes for larger lot sizes/support limiting number of building permits.
- too much building in our town!
- utmost importance: maintain farms and natural forests.

3. How satisfied are you with: Choice E. Do you have any suggestions?:

- a bike path on unused railroad tracks.
- a more dog friendly Grafton.
- athletic fields/pool, possibly at high school allowing the community to have use.
- area for legal atv use at least for kids.
- ban all atv and mtn bikes from trails.
- basic cleanup trash etc, organize committee/work groups to keep areas clean, maintained and free of trash.
- Better maps of what the town has. Highlight in paper every month.
- better town mgmt of existing parks.
- Buy railroad.
- clean up existing trail systems, post signs.
- Clean up Silver Lake parking lot.
- Clear High School in the winter for walking & jogging. Create jogging/walking trails (ie rail trails). Build a town pool.
- community health club/rec area.
- Complete and rename Miner Field
- create recreational programs for teens especially during summers.
- develop a youth program (community service) to maintain and develop trails.
- educate, advertise on existing rec facilities; small donation/fee to use existing rec facilities
- enough houses.
- follow up with trails, keep them marked and open.
- Fund new track at high school.
- get kids to work for the town to clean up.
- Get PA system at Ferry working.
- give children somewhere to go.
- give trails committee resources.
- Grafton needs more sidewalks!
- have a map of all facilities.
- Hold community days where families can volunteer, planting, raking, cleaning etc. Buy a brick program (ie Hopkinton's EMC park for family donations.
- hours for Silver Lake extended.
- improve lands so people can use.
- improve rec programs
- Improve Super Park, dirty, splinters.
- involve experts in trail maintenance design & building such as the New England Mountain Bike Assn www.nemba.org
- is the playspace near the municipal center ever inspected or maintained?
- lights on courts/fields.
- maintain tennis courts at GHS.
- make trails clearly marked & with parking.
- Map. Maintain more trails.
- More Bike Trails. Improve town common to give more side walk space and retail space around to walk and shop.

- more fields, especially soccer with toilet facilities.
- more investment or maintenance of existing facilities/play areas. Devt of new facilities on town owned land.
- more land open to hunting.
- more toddler offerings, more adult exercise offerings.
- need a fields coordinator.
- need for more senior programs and places. Have enough ballfields for young people. Senior rate for Grafton residents at the golf course.
- need more info on existing programs.
- need park or playgrounds in South Grafton.
- need restrooms at parks.
- need safe walking areas.
- Need space for O.R.V.
- new football field
- No Dog Parks!
- no orv on conservation land. More fines for those who violate trespassing laws.
- over more walks with rangers to see Grafton's historical and cons areas.
- park like EMC2, with water park.
- preserve space by making it into athletic fields.
- protect your conservation area by having designated O.R.V park and trail system.
- provide better parking for Nelson Park.
- publish map of facilities. Create town rec center for both teens and seniors, and a town swimming pool.
- rebuild superpark next to the police station.
- rec building for teens.
- recreation programs do not seem well marketed.
- reduce taxes
- Remove littler at playgrounds.
- repair basketball courts at Ferry St park.
- replace the super park with a newer model
- return Norcross Park to its original state so that everyone may use it.
- spend more resources on athletic facilities.
- Super park is embarrassment to town and a safety concern - rebuild.
- Super Park is outdated.
- Super park needs shade. Norcross play area too close to parking lot. Need sidewalk access from town center to Worcester St. Stores such as swirls & scoops. Currently no safe way to make this walk.
- Superpark needs to be updated, very dangerous.
- Teen Center
- tennis courts at high school are in poor condition.
- Thankyou Grafton Land Trust.
- The superpark is out of code and a liability to town. Should have been updated with the building of the new police station!
- The town playground adjacent to the police station is dangerous and outdated.
- town pool
- town pool
- town-wide participation in trail 'adopting' or scout troops effort?
- trail guide. Softball.

4. Please check off the top five recreational facilities you feel are needed:

Choice "other":

- a park like Dean Park in Shrewsbury on some of the already owned open space.
- Against Hunting.
- Allow dogs on all parks.
- ATV trails.
- atv/off road dirtbikes etc
- Bike trails due to lack of sidewalks. Skating - Lake Ripple not safe.
- Community garden areas.
- dirt bike trails.

- Dog Officer should make people responsible for dog feces.
- don't exclude dogs on the common.
- fitness trail with workout fitness stations.
- horse riding trails
- Horse trails on unused train tracks.
- Horseback riding trails
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- horseback riding trails. Grafton is too congested for hunting dangerous.
- hunting should be banned in Grafton - too many "near misses".
- indoor pool for winter swimming
- Large park like Dean Park in Shrewsbury
- Leave the Common alone, other than maintenance and maybe making traffic 1-way around it.
- leave town common as it is!
- lights on football field.
- love the walking trails on Milford Rd.
- Maintain open space for wildlife diversity
- more accessible horse riding trails.
- more fields for soccer, softball, baseball, but include amenities - restrooms, concession stands, better parking, lights.
- more sidewalks - link to existing neighborhoods to common/center of town ie: Brigham Hill, Pleasant St & Millbury St.
- more sidewalks.
- need to clean up our streams/rivers for canoeing.
- New Playground.
- No Hunting!
- Nothing needed.
- passive rec/open space for environmental study by schools, clubs etc
- paved walking trail
- ponds for feeding wildlife (ducks)
- Really want Pool.
- sailing/windsurfing with limited power boat (rescue only) access & a community club.
- sidewalks for walking or jogging.
- Sidewalks to facilitate safety in recreational walking
- sidewalks to provide access to new/existing facilities.
- skateboarding is excellent.
- skateboard park for teenagers
- Superpark should also be renovated as splinters are very common.
- Teen Center
- the libraries.
- The renovations to Airport Field will be a big improvement to the rec fields available. I would like to see the new High School completed with a significant amount of open rec facilities for town use.
- the town shouldn't be the first line of providing activities and facilities for every persons wish list.
- trails to ride ATV and snowmobiles with all the construction and restrictions there are no trails left to utilize.

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about open space and recreation planning in Grafton, as we plan for the future?:

- 'Old' doesn't mean 'Historic'. Preserving everything that's older than 25 or 50 yrs just handicaps future generations.
- 1) open drainage pits should be fenced off from young children. 2) large child play area such as Dean Park, Shrewsbury. 3) Swimming pool like at Davis Farmland.
- A central complex, one large park.
- A list of all rec areas, for active & passive, walking areas, access to Blackstone River etc, would be helpful.

- a professional recreation director could coordinate efforts, apply for grants etc.
- Action should be taken to slow/limit traffic through the town common area.
Current situation interferes with recreational use of the area.
- add bike lanes for safety. Improve sidewalks/shoulders in high traffic areas.
- All existing and newly acquired land owned by the town of Grafton should be open for hunting to residents of Grafton.
- another football field to play flag football. Multipurpose fields to accommodate all sports.
- As a new resident I am very impressed with the conservation agenda of the town. The existing holdings are excellent. Preservation of the Common area should be a high priority - a New England gem.
- As a tax payer we have spent enough on new purchase. Do something with what we have. Take care of the kids with creative things to do. Every kid should be taught to swim as part of the school system. Let the developers build cluster to be profitable and still be able to put rec in development B Ball courts etc.
- atv use is a sport requiring conditioning and training. It is something kids love to do, should be encouraged.
- Better Maintenance for Super Park. Some equipment is dangerous for young children.
- better maintenance of park, trails, field.
- boutique style' shops or dining. 'high-end' B&B or hotel for relatives. Women's groups & activities. Children's activities ie puppet shows, magic shows.
- building a top notch rec center with pool would benefit the community greatly.
- clean up the ponds and rivers in Grafton and enforce any and all laws about dumping trash in wooded areas and watershed areas.
- Concerned about ATV use on trails and would like clarification of which trails are open to ATV's. Improving quality of Grafton's Open Space and Recreation facilities critically important.
- conservation lands and recreational facilities can be one parcel versus separate purchases and maintenance.
- Conserve open space and limit re/comm growth by requiring preservation of open space.
- consolidate libraries.
- Continue to acquire Open Space & expand Rec opportunities, both active & passive.
- control real estate development and developers.
- Developments should be condensed so as much forest and wild lands can be saved as possible. Trees and habitats destroyed by houses.
- Disc Golf is an emerging new sport. We should put in a 9 hole golf course close to the business district in town. Investment is less than \$5k for materials.
- divided walking/bike path.
- Dog Park waste of space. Tufts has a lovely walking area for one.
- dog park with water for dogs to swim in.
- don't let Grafton get overcrowded.
- don't require developers to provide open space ie. Hiking and riding trails if the town is not going to maintain and keep these areas accessible.
- eliminate the cpa tax.
- Emphasize importance of hiking, walking and biking trails.
- far too much devt to date.
- Farm preservation - right to farm/own livestock without \$250 plus engineering fee to own a chicken or goat.
- First market and attract people to existing facilities before spending on new facilities.
- fix traffic situation on Grafton Town Common, it can be made a lot more attractive.
- Grafton has enough active rec areas, maintained well. Need natural environment to enjoy.
- Grafton is an expanding minor metropolis with many activities and a wonderful

sense of being - a wonderful town.

- Grafton needs to stay affordable (tax rates)
- Halt excessive new housing - overcrowding. Maintain conservation land.
- have lots of walking trails.
- important for town to purchase land for cons purposes.
- Important to not have Grafton's beautiful land all developed!
- improve & maintain what we have.
- increase lot size; limit future res building to small, affordable housing; rec is not the towns responsibility, we have plenty of rec space that is available but seldom used ie little league fields - use for soccer fields.
- Increase responsibility regarding a decrease in condominium community development. Saturating south of 140!
- increase size of rec dept to maintain rec facilities.
- it is very important that open spaces are preserved.
- it takes too long to get anything done. Stop spending money on studies and build something!
- It will be nice to have a recreation center that includes soccer, baseball, tennis, basketball courts as well as jogging trails and swimming pool.
- keep low population & not too crowded.
- Keep open the space bounded by South St, Upton St, Sibley St. It would make a great "central park" for Grafton.
- lacrosse field is needed
- Lake Ripple should be expanded and made a focal point to Grafton.
- large park with swimming pool, tennis courts, sports fields, trails etc, charge fee.
- Let the Towns people know how many people use the existing facilities. People need affordable housing.
- Like Grafton's rural nature, horse farms and agriculture. Zoning is important to protect these areas and traditions, and to limit new housing development.
- limit building; minimum lot sizes; improve existing parks & facilities.
- limit large devt of homes.
- Local condo devts which include housing lotteries for lower income people. I love the town but it is becoming too expensive to live here.
- look into helping provide ORV trails so they have an alternative to riding on private/conservation land.
- maintain character of town by keeping open space and having natural areas available to Grafton residents and our pets.
- maintain and protect our clean water supply which means protecting watersheds, wetlands and enforcing conservation and zoning by-laws.
- maintain balance between open space/rec and construction of new housing
- Maintain fields for sports. Teen center, Scoreboards and bathrooms needed.
- maintain Grafton's New England charm.
- Maintain healthy balance of open space with devt. Concerned with excessive and rapid growth in Grafton.
- maintain the buildings we own, not buy more land.
- Maintain/clean existing children's facilities rather than expanding and creating more facilities. Super Park outdated. Town Common is maintained correctly. Bike area for children and ice skating outdoor facility for winter use vs. the lakes.
- Maintenance and irrigation of multi-sports fields. Build a facility which may be a consistent revenue stream and easily accessible by all parts of the state to potentially attract high school/regional championships (lighted soccer fields).
- more concerned about a new high school than new rec facilities.
- More facilities for civil activities such as common on July 4.
- more family activities would be beneficial. Also more children's programs starting later for private school and working parents.
- more interested in preserving open space not recreational facilities.
- more sidewalks on main roads.
- more summer programs for 2-4 yr children.
- Must be fiscally responsible - cannot add to increasing tax burden.

- Natural resources are the towns most valuable assets.
- Need a directory or maps of recreational areas in town, post on town website.
- need active rec area like EMC and Dean Park.
- need more rec facilities in South Grafton.
- New devts with 5+ homes should have so many undisturbed areas per acre.
- NO dog park!
- no downside to adding/improving recreational facilities - many would be willing to pay more taxes for such improvements to the town. A park like EMC2 park in Hopkinton would be great. Also a waterpark like Northboro etc.
- no more condos and Pulte 'ghettos'. Eyesores and water pollutants. We are overdeveloped. No drinking water. Stop e coli now!
- no more devts.
- Norcross/Miner Field really needs bathroom facilities, a concession stand, and a working scoreboard. The town needs an all-weather surface field which would be able to increase capacity for field use due to weather problems.
- Open Space is what separates Grafton from surrounding communities. Conserve open space.
- Open space should be acquired for conservation according to a master plan to avoid fragmentation of habitat. Hunting should be encouraged (or large predators introduced!) to reduce deer population. The Town Common is a jewel and should be preserved, maintained and its surroundings protected.
- open space should be designed to look like access for public.
- open space should be preserved.
- Overbuilt with condos. Save character.
- park at site of Fisherville Mill. Enough athletic fields. Make areas for walking, water, and bikes. Make Grafton part of Blackstone Valley Corridor Bike Way from Worc/Millbury.
- Parks & Recreation are important for a community. They give us a place to gather, exercise, cheer and to share with our neighbors.
- parks could be bigger with more equipment for kids. More bike trails and access to Lake Ripple for fishing/skating.
- parks in South Grafton are nearly nonexistent.
- places to legally ride atv's, most of the walking and bike trails were made from off road vehicles. We pay tons to register and legally ride.
- please investigate the Nantucket Plan. I would be interested in volunteering to work out the progressive new bedroom tax, which will fund future growth.
- Please involve Police Dept to plan for safety of residents at Riverview (planned rec area). Influx of speeding cars, illegal activity in open unsupervised area!
- please support a legal area to ride dirtbikes, atv's.
- pocket parks important. All developers should be required to provide one.
- Pool clubs with yearly membership fees.
- preserve as much open space as possible.
- Priorities 1) top learning facilities for children 2) adequate athletic fields 3) community rec areas.
- Prohibits dogs entirely from cemeteries. Signage at trails and public access points. - Frost property at George Hill Rd - no way to know that is a public trail; Silver Lake trails (beach entrance) when closed there is no parking allowed (wording on sign needs changing).
- Protect natural nature of our town.
- provide the equipment and volunteers will do maintenance labor.
- Purchase Open Space. Cheaper than paying for increased infrastructure, schools water and waste.
- put trash barrels at trail heads.
- recreational planning should be made sure that it is active for all ages.
- reduce devt in the main sections of Grafton and try to keep it down. They are squeezing condo's and apartments in all empty spaces in town.
- Reduce devt. Make zoning more restrictive. Town owned gym with inexpensive daycare.

- Reduce number of building permits
- reduce taxes.
- reign in rapid rate of devt.
- Renovate Super Park.
- Set limit for population so that schools don't become overcrowded, charm & character lost.
- Sidewalk on Upton St, walk to library or school.
- Silver Lake Beach should be open access off season.
- Silver Lake has a lot of unused potential. Existing Hiking Trails would benefit from bridging some of the swampiest areas. Limited Devt/open space reqmts for devt work well.
- Small towns benefit young growing families . Too much development usually leads to more money and problems in the future - Upton's example.
- Stop 40B! Allow/follow local zoning.
- Stop building so many new houses and condo devts. Make your town a DCPC or other way to stop rampant building.
- stop future devt - increasing tax rate attributed to school enrollment.
- stop issuing building permits. Build sidewalks on all streets that access center.
- stop the building in Grafton.
- super park in poor repair.
- Super Park is dangerous and should be rebuilt.
- SuperPark needs makeover - dangerous. Build new large playground.
- Superpark needs updated play equipment, as well as some of the school and neighborhood parks.
- support connecting bike trails from Worcester to RI.
- support of the "Blackstone Valley Rail to Trail" program to convert the (now unused) rail line to an usable, dirt top bike trail & enforcement of "no atv/quad bike" policies would be fantastic. Also B.V River cycle path too.
- Swings at Nelson Park are too high for children to get on by themselves. Super Park facilities have splinters, broken chain covers.
- Teen Center to avoid vandalism.
- the BOS have no intention of complying with either OS plan or Master plan.
- Think long term. Act on all feasible deals.
- too many condos.
- Too many houses - need land minimums
- too much devt. Too busy and too much traffic.
- town has family feel and should continue to offer families in town facilities.
- Town is missing opportunity with developers. Builders should provide rec areas in each devt - not horse trails ultimately voted down by residents. EG Toll Brothers devt in Salem, NY, required a community pool and rec facility.
- Town needs to be more proactive in open space acquisitions. Need much creativity and many different tools, approaches.
- Town ruined with all building allowed.
- Update old Police Station to use as Teen Center
- Update Super Park. High walled structures not good design.
- upgrade and maintenance of existing facilities is critical. Surrounding towns provide more support of youth programs.
- Very concerned with devt with regard to water supply.
- Vital that Town Finance Committee support all efforts especially those that protect natural resources and endangered species.
- we love dean park. Convert old railroad beds to paved bike paths.
- we need guides to tell us about trails etc, where to access. Also if possible, there should be occasional water (drinking) stations and first aid call system.
- we need to act now on acquiring open space before devt goes to far.
- We should consider modifying our Flexible Devt by-law & incorporate Open Space Residential Design principles, and pass a stormwater by-law & reduce impacts on our streams, sewers, lakes and ponds.
- When building a new rec center, make it a rec/senior center. Would get more

vote. Seniors and teens would benefit from each other.

- Who is paying for all these great things? Aren't our taxes high enough?
- Wish rec & athletic facilities were comparable to other local towns & towns in other states.
- would be interested in assisting with renovation/replacement of the 'SuperPark'.
- Youth Center and a municipal swimming pool.