

10. Public Comments

Copies of this Draft Plan have been submitted for review and comment to the Mashpee Planning Board, the Cape Cod Commission and the Mashpee Conservation Commission.



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July 21, 2008

Melissa Cryan
Division of Conservation Services
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100 Cambridge Street
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Dear Ms. Cryan:

I am writing in support of the Town of Mashpee's draft Open Space Conservation and Recreation Plan, June 2008 Update. The town's revised and updated plan is an excellent document for guiding the town's conservation and recreation goals over the next five years. The inventory and analysis is comprehensive, the inventory of conservation lands has been updated, and the goals and action plan are consistent with regional goals for land preservation and the provision of recreational access.

I strongly encourage your support and approval of this plan. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Heather McElroy
Natural Resources Specialist

Cc: Ernest Virgilio, Mashpee Cape Cod Commission representative
Thomas Fudala, Town Planner



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Conservation Commission

August 13th, 2008

Melissa Cryan
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Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs
100 Cambridge St.
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Dear Ms Cryan,

On behalf of Mashpee's Conservation Commission, I am writing to you to express our support and endorsement of the 2008 Open Space Conservation and Recreation Plan for the Town of Mashpee. Mashpee's open space plan details a thorough and comprehensive approach to future acquisition and management of conservation lands to be incorporated into existing wildlife refuge lands, trail systems and connective wildlife corridors. A detailed inventory of existing conservation lands and open space helps to identify priority acquisitions in the future. The goals and objectives of Mashpee's Open Space and Recreation Plan are consistent with the conservation department's purview and ultimate goals going forward.

We respectfully request your encouragement and support of this plan. Thank you for your time and consideration

Sincerely,

Mashpee Conservation Commission (508-539-1400 X539)

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August 25, 2008

**Ms. Melissa Cryan
Division of Conservation Services
Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs
100 Cambridge Street
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Dear Ms. Cryan,

The Town of Mashpee 2008 Open Space Conservation and Recreation Plan has been reviewed by the Mashpee Planning Board.

The Plan's "Statement of Purpose" as described on Page 2-1 is:

- To describe those features of Mashpee's landscape and environment whose protection is critical to the ecological integrity of our community and to its vision of itself
- To assess the needs and desires for recreational facilities and programs
- To inventory current protected lands and recreational resources
- To identify where that inventory falls short of meeting our needs
- To outline a course of action toward meeting those needs

We believe the Plan fully addresses each of the items contained in its "Statement of Purpose" and sets out the goals and objectives for moving forward.

The Mashpee Planning Board is pleased to unanimously endorse the 2008 Open Space Conservation and Recreation Plan for our town and we respectfully request your endorsement.

Thank you.

**Mashpee Planning Board
Beverly Kane, Chair
Dennis Balzarini, Vice-Chair
Thomas O'Hara, Clerk
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October 1, 2008

Ms. Melissa Cryan
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Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs
100 Cambridge Street
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Dear Ms. Cryan:

Please be advised that on Monday, September 22, 2008 the Mashpee Board of Selectmen voted to accept the Open Space Conservation and Recreation Plan as presented by the Town Planner. The proposed plan provides a clear outline of environmental concerns and conservation and recreation needs and/or desires in the future for our town.

The Board of Selectmen unanimously supports this plan and requests your full consideration for endorsement.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or need anything further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John J. Cahalane".

John J. Cahalane, Chairman
Mashpee Board of Selectmen

✓ c: Mashpee Planning Board