



Town Forum 2014 – Land Acquisition

2014 Town Forum

TOPIC: Land Acquisition

Selectman Larry O'Brien

Why do we purchase land?

- **Fulfill identified Municipal Needs** – schools, recreation, cemetery, housing, public buildings, open space, etc.
- **Resource Protection** – water supply, habitat, passive recreation, etc.

How do we purchase land?

Mechanisms:

- MGL Chapter 61 offers
- Landowners offers
- Voluntary conservation restrictions
- Land donations

Sudbury's Land Acquisition Process

- Prioritize parcels
 - Consult Open Space & Recreation Plan and other planning documents
- Public discussion
 - Offers scrutinized by boards/committees
 - Public meetings
- Review limited development opportunities
- BOS are decision-makers
- Town Meeting/Ballot votes

Chapter 61 Process and Decision Making

- Town to decide on use (within legal limits)
- Unless open space, housing, recreation – not CPA eligible
- Check long range planning documents
- Review size/location/site limitations

Past Acquisitions

Pre-CPA (Debt Exclusion)

- Frost Farm – General mun. use/senior housing
- Melone – General mun. use
- Meachen – 61A/open space
- Mahoney – 61A/Gen. Mun. Use
- Piper Farm
- Weisblatt – Eminent Domain/open space
- Davis Field - recreation
- Haskell - recreation
- Parkinson (behind Ti-Sales) – Gen. Mun. Use

Recent Purchases

CPA Acquisitions:

- Cutting Field - recreation
- Libby – open space
- Dickson – open space/historic

CPA Purchase of Land Interest:

- Nobscot Reservation - CR
- Pantry Brook Farm – CR
- Cutting Farm – APR
- Fairbank Farm - APR

Ch. 61 Parcels we didn't purchase

Coolidge

Landham Crossing

Springhouse Pond

233 Concord Rd

Grouse Hill

Fieldstone Farm

Lettery Farm

Cutler Farm

Meachen Lane

804 Boston Post Rd

+ many other small parcels