

MEDWAY OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

Medway General Bylaws – Section 2.17

- (a) There shall be established an Open Space Committee consisting of at least five (5) but not more than nine (9) voting members who reside in Medway who shall be sworn to the faithful performance of their duties.
- (b) The Open Space Committee shall be appointed by the Planning Board. Committee members shall serve two (2) year staggered terms, with the majority of the first members appointed for a two (2) year term and the remaining initial members appointed to a one (1) year term. Thereafter, each member shall serve for two (2) years or until a successor has been appointed.
- (c) The membership shall consist of individuals with experience, training or a dedicated interest in open space preservation, land planning, conservation, real estate acquisition, mapping, fundraising, communications and such other professions as could be helpful to the Committee's work.
- (d) Duties – The Open Space Committee shall have the following responsibilities and duties:
 - 1. Assist and advise the Planning Board, its applicants, and other Town boards/committees and departments as may request such assistance with regard to the review of applications for land development permits with the goal of securing open space areas for the community.
 - 2. Serve as an information source and advocate for the acquisition of land for conservation, open space, recreation and related purposes and make recommendations for its purchase.
 - 3. Update and implement of Medway's Open Space Plan pursuant to Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation guidelines,
 - 4. Maintain an open space inventory.
 - 5. Work with Medway residents, Town departments/boards/committees, state and federal officials and agencies, and private non-profit land conservation organizations to further the preservation of Medway's open space resources.
 - 6. Encourage philanthropy and private efforts to preserve open space.
 - 7. Develop community education programs and communication tools regarding the value and use of open space areas.
- (e) The Open Space Committee shall choose its own officers and may adopt rules of procedure regarding its functioning and operation.
- (f) In performing its work, the Open Space Committee shall be guided by the Medway Master Plan and the Medway Open Space and Recreation Plan.