MINUTES
SPECIAL MEEETING
TRAIL COMMITTEE
LISBON TOWN HALL
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2017
7:00 PM

The special meeting of the Trail Committee was called to order by Joseph Lewerk, Chairman, at 7:04 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Randy Baah, Chad Johnson, Terry Joseph, Joseph Lewerk, Kevin Shafer,

Marcia Shafer, Kim Sperry

- 1. Approval of Previous Minutes -1/24/17 Motion by C. Johnson second by T. Joseph to approve the 1/24/2017 minutes with the following correction: item #3, "Randy Baah" is the correct spelling of the name.

 VOTE: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED
- 2. Review Correspondence NONE
- 3. Examine Town Owned Properties Review and Discussion of properties: Hoydila, Kendal, Baron Drive, Taftville area, Strawberry Fields, Kimball Heights, Autumn View, behind Walmart.
- 4. Investigations of Properties by Subcommittees Field Walk scheduled for Saturday, March 4 (rain date March 5) at 9:00 am. at Hoydila and Kendal Meadows properties. Starting point Hoydila property (meet at the tavern).
- 5. Discuss Available On-line Tools for Property Research Discussion
- 6. Review Principles of Trail Design Process- Discussion. It was recommended by C. Johnson to consider hiring the services of a professional trail company to provide vision for future trail projects.

Motion by T. Joseph second by K. Sperry to adjourn 8:02 pm.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

Elaine Joseph, clerk

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ATTEST, LAURIE TIROCCHI, TOWN CLERK

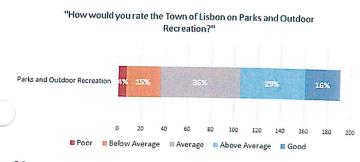
Parks and Recreation



The Town boat launch provides public access to the Shetucket River.



The Riverview Trail is a hiking and bike trail along the Shetucket River.



Active Recreation Fields

Lisbon Meadows Park has 59 acres of land across Route 169 from the Newent Village Center municipal buildings. The park includes baseball and soccer fields, a tennis court, walking trails, and accommodations for picnics and small gatherings. In addition, Lisbon has a baseball diamond and a track and field at the Lisbon Central School. Respondents to the Community Survey rated Lisbon's Parks and Outdoor Recreation as generally "Average" (36%) and "Above Average" (29%); however, several respondents also wrote in requests for more recreational opportunities, such as more programming and activities for children.

Town Boat Launch and Riverview Trail

South of the Wheelabrator Waste-to-Energy facility, Wheelabrator donated roughly 33 acres of land along the Shetucket River to the Town of Lisbon. This land is now the site of the Town boat launch, which provides access for boating and fishing, and the Riverview Trail, a roughly half mile paved walking and biking trail.

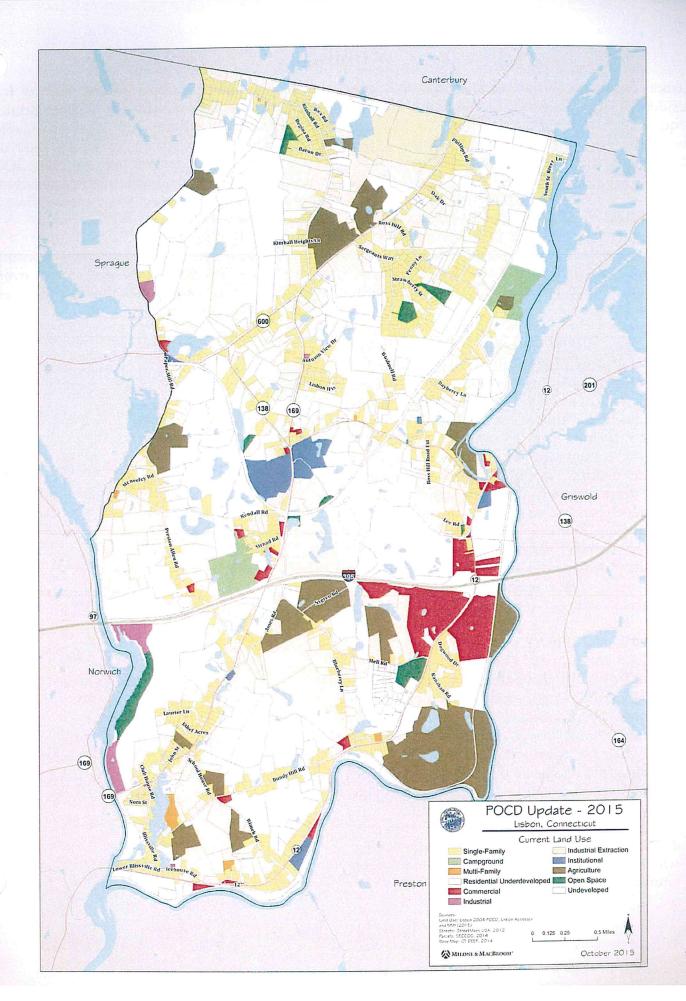
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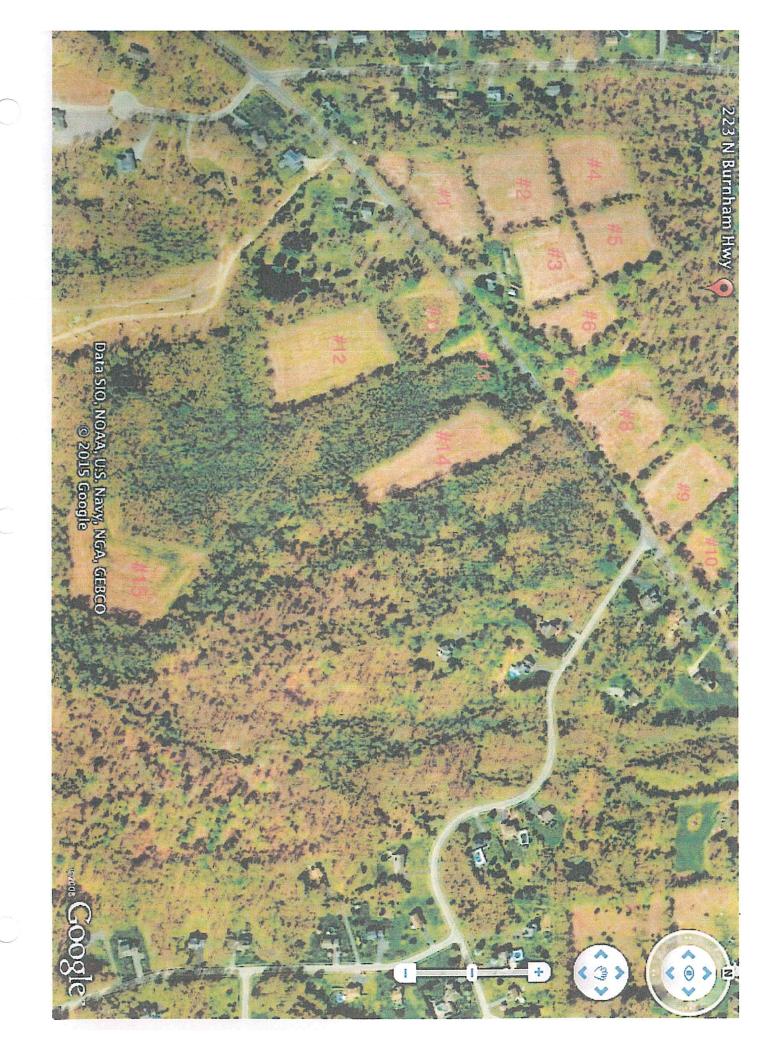
In addition to the municipal Lisbon Meadows Park, Lisbon also has two commercial campgrounds that provide camping opportunities in the Town.

- Sunfox Campground provides about 65 acres of tent and RV camping north of I-395 near the center of Town.
- Ross Hill Park Family Campground provides about 50 acres of RV camping and cabin rental on the northeast along the Quinebaug River.

Bicentennial Park

Lee Road was a colonial path that is now an old abandoned road behind Newent Congregational Church. Along this path are six archeological sites identified by the Lisbon Historical Society. Bicentennial Park is four acres of property abutting Old Lee Road, landlocked and cut off by the railroad. The land, donated to the town by the Wildowkski family, contains the ruins of a house identified as belonging to Asa Griswold.

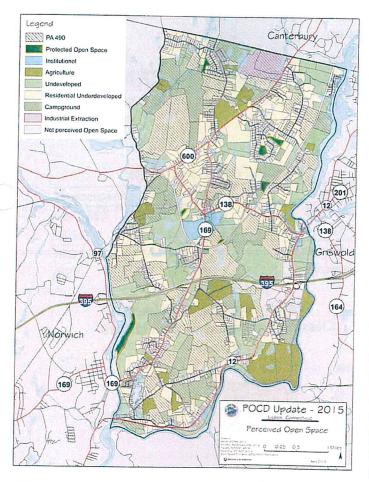




3. Preserve Community Character

Lisbon is defined and distinguished by its rural character. Located near or next to several more intensively developed communities, Lisbon retains many of the qualities and characteristics that have attracted people to the area since the Colonial era. Preservation of these encompassing but vulnerable attributes has been identified as the most important theme for this Plan of Conservation and Development.

Preserve Open Space



"How would you rate the Town of Lisbon on Preservation of Open Space?" Preservation of open space | 15% | 24% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 2

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Perceived Open Space

Open space preservation is widely regarded as the most effective tool available to towns to manage growth, maintain community character, protect valued natural resources and scenery, and generally enhance the quality of life. Residents who took the Community Survey rated the Town of Lisbon highly in regards to preservation of open space. Only 1% of respondents rated Lisbon "Poor," 45% of respondents rated Lisbon as "Average," and nearly half of respondents rated Lisbon as "Above Average" or "Good."

However, the only protected, dedicated open space land in Lisbon are the Boat Launch and Riverview Trail, along with several subdivisions which have dedicated open space set-asides, totaling 165 acres, or only 1.6% of Lisbon's land area. Although there is little permanently protected open space in Lisbon, perceived open space is extensive. This is land that is currently undeveloped, in agricultural use, or simply a portion of a large residential property. These parcels may be developed in the future, reducing the amount of perceived open space in Lisbon.

The Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP) has a state-wide goal of preserving 21% of Connecticut's land as open space by the year 2023. Under this goal, 10% of open space would be state-owned and 11% would be owned by municipalities. The State of Connecticut formerly defined open space land used for recreational and conservation purposes as land used for "agriculture, parks, natural areas,"

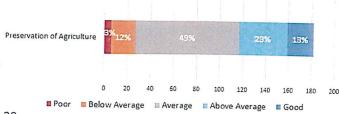


An active beef farm contributes to the rural character of the community.



Milk from Wildowski Farm in Lisbon is sold regionally.

"How would you rate the Town of Lisbon on Preservation of Agriculture?"



Agriculture

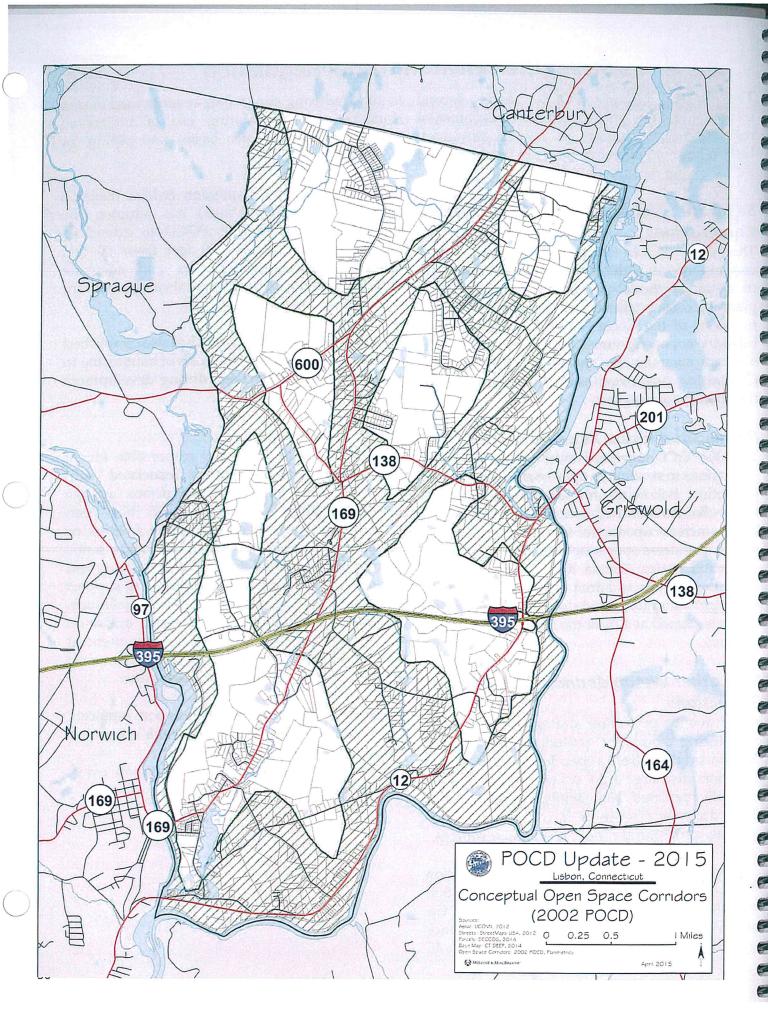
Lisbon has roughly 850 acres of PA-490 Farm land. Agricultural uses in Lisbon contribute to the rural character of the Town, as well as providing a livelihood for some residents. Examples of farms within Lisbon include:

- Grant's Berry Patch and Farm stand, which specializes in Pick-Your-Own strawberries, blueberries, and raspberries, along with tomatoes and other seasonal vegetables. The farm also sells fresh pre-picked berries and vegetables directly from a produce stand.
- Wildowsky Dairy, a 3rd generation dairy farm that currently milks 45 Holstein and Jersey cows. Products available at the farm stand include whole milk, cream top, 1% milk, skim milk, chocolate milk, ice cream, and butter. Wildowsky Dairy products are also available in some stores, such as Fiddleheads Food Co-Op in New London.
- Cedar Knoll Farm is a Percheron draft horse stable that provides horse-drawn livery service in southern New England and Long Island. Carriages are available for weddings, other formal events, hay and sleigh rides, parades, and other community events.
- Bundy Hill Tree Farm is a local Christmas tree farm.

The Town of Lisbon also has about 97 acres of Town-owned land that is leased for farming. Due to the cost of land and other significant startup and capital costs involved with farming, leasing land is an important way to provide access to affordable, productive farmland. The Town also has an active Farmers' Market Committee that provides a local market for produce grown in Lisbon and the surrounding region, while also hosting community events such as a Health and Wellness day. Roughly half of respondents to the Community Survey rated Preservation of Agriculture in Lisbon as "Average."

Future Open Space System

While open space is often viewed in communities as a means to limiting development, it holds intrinsic value in providing wildlife and greenway corridors that connect larger open



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