

Open Space Committee Accomplishments 2000-2011

- Wrote three updates of the Open Space and Recreation Plan required for most state grant applications.
- Secured funding from Massachusetts Self-Help Grant (now the LAND grant) and MDC for the purchase of Mt. Jefferson Conservation Area
- Secured funding from Massachusetts Urban Self-Help Grant (now the PARC grant) for the development of the Curtis Recreation Field improved parking lot, walking path installation and skate park installation. Oversaw design and construction.
- Secured funding through brick sales for the development of the Millennium Park. Oversaw design and construction.
- Assisted in securing funding through a Mass Re-leaf Grant for planting shrubs at the Millennium Park and the Curtis Recreation Field. Planting of those trees and shrubs.
- Secured funding through the Recreational Trails Grant for a map at the Millennium Park and trail maps of the Mt. Jefferson Conservation/Hubbardston/Templeton State Forest trail system
- Laid out and developed the Gates Hill Trail, Mill Pond Trail, Muzzy Ridge Trail, Link Trail, Dottie Rock Trail and Between the Pines Trail
- Secured one week of work from AmeriCorps crew for work on Mill Pond Trail
- Worked with 5 Boy Scouts on Eagle projects including building of Gates Hill Trail (Ben Cravedi), building Link Trail bridge (Jeff Bourque), building Link Trail bridge ramps and improvement of trail (Taylor Hogan), building of picnic tables at Mt. Jefferson (Brendon Silkey), seeding, fertilizing, liming and shrub planting at Millennium Park (Ben Bratko).
- Worked with multiple Boy Scout volunteers, community service teens, and prison detail participants for general trail maintenance and upkeep.
- Organized two National Trails Day work days
- Secured funding from Bay State Trail Riders for bridge construction materials on Mill Pond Trail
- Developed maps of Mt. Jefferson Conservation/State Forest Area and printed two editions of the map. The second edition was funded with ads from local businesses.
- Developed the Fund for Hubbardston Preservation
- Oversaw the reclamation and leasing of hayfields at Mt Jefferson. Hay lease monies are deposited annually into Fund for Hubbardston Preservation.
- Secured funding from Massachusetts Source Water Protection Grant for Land Stewardship Plan of Mt. Jefferson Conservation Area. Oversaw hiring forester, development of plan and timber harvest resulting in \$7,000 deposit into Fund for Hubbardston Preservation.

- Negotiated and facilitated bidding process for removal of slash from Mt. Jefferson timber harvest to be used for cordwood in exchange for mowing of town common areas including the Curtis Recreation Field for one year after Parks budget had been zero funded.
- Updated the town's Capitol Score from 59 to 92, increasing Hubbardston's potential for successful state grant applications. Secured funding for purchase of the Malone Road Conservation Area through Massachusetts Self-Help grant, CPA funds, grants from North Quabbin Regional Landscape Partnership, Wharton Trust, Fields Pond Foundation and private donations.
- Supervised removal of abandoned house and derelict barns, reclamation of hay field, meadow and building of trails at Malone Road Conservation Area. Community Service person helped emptying the house.
- Implemented Guided Hike Series in 2011 to introduce town residents and visitors to the many trails in Hubbardston.
- Responsible for implementation of Land Management Plan of the Mt. Jefferson/Malone Road Conservation Areas.