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June 28, 2011

Kate Bowditch
99 High Street
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Dear Kate:

The Board of Selectmen is deeply appreciative of the work of the Conservation Commission, Open Space Committee and professional staff in providing the Town with a revised and updated Open Space Plan. "Open Space 2010" is laudable for its clarity, vibrancy and seriousness of purpose. Most important, it will be an effective guide for open space planning, policy and operations for the next five years.

The Board of Selectmen endorses the goals of the Plan as presented on June 28, 2011 (Attached). All of Town government and the entire community have much work ahead in addressing the specific objectives and recommendations presented in the Plan. We look forward to being part of that process.

Sincerely,

Betsy DeWitt
Nancy Daly
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Board of Selectmen

TOWN of BROOKLINE
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May 11, 2011

Kate Bowditch, Chair
Conservation Commission
Town Hall
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Dear Kate,

I am pleased to inform you that the Park and Recreation voted unanimously at their meeting on May 10, 2011 to accept and support the goals and objectives of the 2010 Open Space Plan. The Park and Recreation Commission enthusiastically supports the Conservation Commission and the Parks and Open Space Division in this significant effort to update the Town's Open Space Plan, including identifying new needs, goals and objectives, and creating an action plan to guide the Town's open space planning over the next five years. The Commission recognizes the importance to the Town of Brookline of addressing the new challenges and fulfilling the vision presented in this Open Space Plan.

The Park and Recreation Commission is proud of the Town's extensive system of parks, playgrounds and recreation facilities, conservation lands, and other open spaces, which provide significant benefits to the community. The Commission is grateful to have participated on the Open Space Plan Committee, and looks forward to continuing its role by working with the Conservation Commission and other Town bodies in implementing the 2010 Open Space Plan.

Sincerely,

John Bain, Chair
Park and Recreation Commission

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May 13, 2011

Kate Bowditch, Chair
Conservation Commission
Town Hall
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Dear Kate:

The Brookline Preservation Commission is pleased to support the 2010 Open Space Plan for Brookline. The Plan acknowledges the special urban environment of Brookline as well as making note of the many National and State Register properties within the Town. It is a thoughtful document that takes into consideration the various types of landscapes and the different ways to maintain them.

The Open Space Plan will provide a blueprint for its citizens and officials in assessing the needs of the present and the future of Brookline's natural resources. The Preservation Commission looks forward to being a partner in protecting our valuable cultural landscapes in this new decade of the 21st century.

Sincerely,

Jim Batchelor

Jim Batchelor
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June 3, 2011

Kate Bowditch, Chair
Conservation Commission
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Dear Kate:

The Brookline Planning Board applauds your Commission's efforts in producing the 2010 Open Space Plan. The numerous public hearings to solicit input from Board, Commissions, and the citizenry from all areas of Town have ensured that the goals and objectives accurately reflect the opinions of a broad spectrum of Brookline residents.

The Planning Board supports the goals and objectives of the 2010 Open Space Plan and looks forward to continuing to work with the Conservation Commission in fulfilling the goals outlined in this plan. The Planning Board believes, that if fiscally appropriate, it would be beneficial to the Town to restore a full-time Town Arborist, and additional staff to work with the Arborist, to preserve and protect the urban forest for the future generations of Brookline.

Sincerely,

Mark J. Zarrillo, Chair