

**OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION FUND
APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION
Special Meeting January 28, 2014**

WHERE AS, the Town of Westbrook Conservation Commission has the responsibility to, “negotiate the acquisition of open space land and conservation easements” (Code of Ordinance, Article II, Div. 8 Sec. 2-261 Responsibilities of Conservation Commission), and

WHERE AS, the 2011 Plan of Conservation and Development recommends the town, “Continue to preserve land that helps achieve open space, recreation and green infrastructure goals”, and,

WHERE AS, by Ordinance, an Open Space Preservation Fund was created for the protection and preservation of natural resources and Westbrook’s small town character, and,

WHERE AS, the 2011 Plan of Conservation and Development recommends the town, “Allocate funding to the Open Space (Preservation) Fund, and,

WHERE AS, the Open Space Preservation Fund, “...expenditures shall be used exclusively for the acquisition and administration, including but not limited to the appraisal costs, of parcels of land or of easements,...”, and,

WHERE AS, the Conservation Commission wishes to continue to depend on the Open Space Preservation Fund to plan for, and take advantage of opportunity for, acquiring Open Space and Conservation Easements to achieve the Town’s Open Space Goals, and,

WHERE AS, The Open Space Preservation Fund has a fund balance of only \$35,128.54 (1-23-14),

THEREFORE, The Conservation Commission requests that funds in the amount of \$50,000, be appropriated by the Town annually for deposit in the Open Space Preservation Fund.

<p>MOTION: to approve the Open Space Preservation Appropriations Resolution as amended and submit to the Board of Selectmen, with a copy to the Finance Director, as part of the Conservation Commission’s 2014 Budget Request. MADE: by M. Marx; SECONDED: by M. Oryl; VOTED IN FAVOR: M. Marx, M. Oryl, B. Peterson, D. Harger; OPPOSED: none; ABSTAINED: none; APPROVED: 4-0-0.</p>
