



North Brookfield Master Plan Committee has discovered ideas to preserve open spaces without cost to the town.

- Before a chapter 61 farm property is offered for sale the town has first refusal to buy the property.
- Each time the selectmen are offered these properties they have to turn down the offer because the town does not have the funds to preserve desirable open space properties.
- Once the town refuses the chapter 61 property can be sold to the highest bidder who after repayment of the chapter 61 tax reduction can develop the land to meet their needs.
- There are new and creative ways to provide towns, without the ready cash, the opportunity of obtaining historic or desirable properties for preservation as open space lands for future town use.
- These methods are also welcomed by current owners of chapter 61 properties who need to resolve the conflict of selling their land while keeping it as the beautiful open space which they have enjoyed.

We have invited Attorney Robert Levite of the UMass Natural Resources and Conservation Program and Ken Crater of the Grafton Land Trust to answer everyone's questions regarding how the town and landowners may preserve our beautiful open spaces. This invitation has been extended to neighboring towns and seating is limited.

Date: Wednesday August 23, 7:00 PM

Location: North Brookfield High School Kiva Room

Do not miss this great opportunity to help determine our future.