



Town of Standish  
**Conservation & Open Space Plan Committee**

Meeting #1 Notes  
November 15, 2007

Group Exercise.

A two-pronged question was asked:

- *What Special Qualities or Places Attracted You to & Keeps You in Standish?*
- *What qualities or place(s), if lost, would not make Standish the place it is today?*

**Special Places & Qualities** [if qualities/places were felt to be already lost, in brackets]:

- Its Rural quality (mentioned several times)
- Rippling Waters Farm
- Friendships & Neighbors
- Richville
- Farm & Forestland – Open Spaces
- The Stone Bridge on Dow Road
- Special Waterways – [somewhat lost already]
- Access to Saco River / Otter Ponds
- Access to Sebago Lake – there are issues related to ATV use in town
- Steep Fall – especially the Fields
- [Boundary Road changes]
- The Sebago Lake <--> Open Space Connection, Water Quality
- Watchic Lake
- Access to Saco River for canoeing
- [Lost Views along Sebago Lake along 113] (was fields at one point)
- Access to Orchards
- Richville Pond and Stream (still undeveloped/still abundant wildlife)
- Sebago Lake Village
- Town's Historic Quality & Character
  - Buildings & Land
  - Flower beds / gardens
- Small town feel
  - Rural feeling
  - Able to walk to paths to Saco River
  - Orchards / Rippling Waters Farm
  - Avoid sprawl
- Sense of Community / Villages
  - Public access to land