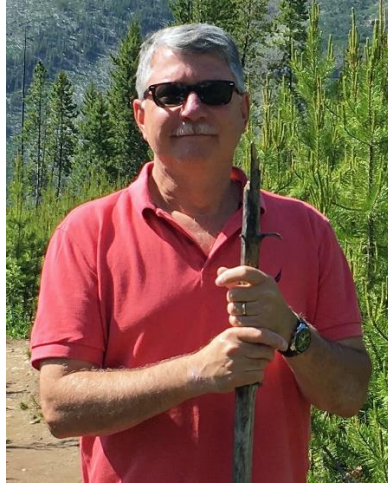


LAND STEWARDS
OPEN SPACE COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF OLD LYME



The Open Space Commission employs Land Stewards to assist in managing town owned open space and privately held lands that have a conservation easement in favor of the town.

Peter J. Norris, left, works part-time across various properties to keep the trails “hiker friendly” and to protect natural resources across all open space areas.

Peter also works in concert with other local and state conservation entities to provide a consistent approach to proper land management.

If you happen to see Peter out and about on a trail, say hello and feel free to share your observations and comments.

In addition, Jim Mildrum and Wayne Abrahamson (l-r, above right) assist the Open Space Commission in managing the McCulloch Family Open Space. Jim has spent most of his life on the property, Wayne is a family member, and both are experienced woodsmen and care deeply for the property.

The Open Space Commission also occasionally plans volunteer projects & public hikes. If you’re interested in taking part in such activity, please send your email address to olhikes@gmail.com. This list will **only** be used to inform you of such open space activity and will not be shared.

You may contact the Peter Norris with general inquiries or to report trail issues on any of the town Open Space properties at: peterjnorris@comcast.net.

Land Steward Responsibilities Include:

- Promote and develop wildlife and other habitats

- Ensure trail safety by removing hazards; arranging for removal of downed trees; maintaining trail markers and signs; maintaining gates, bridges, barriers; arranging for maps to be as accurate and current as possible
- Identify, remove and/or monitor invasive species
- Identify and implement restoration projects
- Work with the Open Space Commission and zoning enforcement officer in monitoring privately held Conservation Easement lands, and
- Promote stewardship by via education regarding properties and projects