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Subject: Re: Healy Corner Open Space Layout

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Hi Maren and Members of the Board.

It is my strong belief that the Open Space layout provides public benefit through an opportunity to complete one leg of a cross town pedestrian/bike path to the commuter rail station. We are close to closing final gaps in the other trail which will bring us that much closer to achieving a long standing goal of the town masterplan.

Connectivity to other trails in the neighborhood will also provide additional opportunities for town folk to get outside and enjoy nature.

Thanks for the opportunity to comment.

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On Apr 29, 2020, at 11:02 AM, Maren Toohill <MToohill@littletonma.org> wrote:

Hi All –

Some Planning Board members seem to be struggling with what the benefit would be to the town for the Open Space layout for Healy Corner, compared to a conventional subdivision layout with no open space. While much of the Board's recent discussion has been about the number of lots that could be allowed under either scenario, the decision now hinges on **what is the public benefit of the Healy Corner open space.**

Link to the "project page": <https://www.littletonma.org/planning-board-projects/195-tahattawan-subdivision-healy-corner>

The decision in front of the Board is summarized as follows in the Zoning Bylaw:

A [n open space] Special Permit may be granted only if the SPGA determines that the open space is no less beneficial to the Town than a conventional subdivision of the same property. The SPGA may grant a special permit for an Open Space Development only upon finding that such use is in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the Zoning Bylaw and that the proposal meets the specific provisions set forth under § 173-100 of the Zoning Bylaw. In granting the special permit, the SPGA may also adopt

conditions, safeguards and limitations concerning the use of the property associated therewith, including limitations on open space use.

Any information you can share about the public benefit of the open space layout is greatly appreciated. In order to be considered for the May 7 continued Public Hearing, a response by May 5 is appreciated. Thanks (really – thank you for your input on this),
Maren

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