

Amendments to this Ordinance may be initiated by voters equal to at least 10% of the number of votes cast in the municipality in the last gubernatorial election, at a town meeting.

Open Space Option

A. Purpose:

1. Added as an option to the existing Town of Chelsea Subdivision Ordinance to allow landowners to go with the traditional subdivision or establish an Open Space Subdivision.
2. To provide for efficient use of the land and the preservation of open space, farmland, and rural character.
3. To provide development in harmony with the natural features of the land that is consistent with historic land use patterns of village-like areas where residences are grouped, surrounded by areas of open space used for agriculture, forestry, recreation and similar purposes.
4. To protect high value natural areas.
5. To reduce the impacts on water resources by minimizing land disturbance and creation of impervious surfaces and storm water runoff.
6. To encourage efficient use of infrastructure.

B. District Requirements:

1. For every one-acre house lot, shall equal one-acre of open space.
2. Minimum lot size in Subdivision. No lot may be less than 43,560 square feet.
3. Protected Open Space. At a minimum 50% of developable land must be set aside as protected open space. No more than 25% of protected open space can be unsuitable for development.