

Beaver Brook Farm Committee
Survey for Potential Uses at Beaver Brook Farm
761 Mammoth Road, Dracut, MA. 02618

The Beaver Brook Farm Committee (BBFC) was formed in 2015 in anticipation of the Town meeting vote at 2015 Annual Spring Town Meeting to acquire the farm. Using Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds, residents voted \$2.5M to buy the farm and another \$300,000 towards securing the buildings, hiring consultants and contractors to repair some of the structures and completing research on the property in order to develop various restrictions on the property, as required by the town meeting vote.

The Committee would like your input on how the farm should be used to best benefit the community. Please feel free to check off the uses that you agree would be desirable uses on the property and feel free to add some comments and ideas of your own.

Permit passive recreation (picnicking, kite flying, fishing, community events and outings)

Create active recreation trails (hiking, walking, (with or without dogs), jogging, school cross country course, sledding, skiing, snow shoeing, etc.)

Allow school uses that are compatible to the other uses on the farm

Encourage trail creation on the property with a long term plan of extending the trails to create a "greenbelt" along Beaver Brook

Encourage pursuit of open space extensions to the property

Pursue multiple revenue generating uses/partnerships (examples might include, but not be limited to: re-installing the Beaver Brook "water tank" as a wireless telecommunications facility; having a honey bottling facility; leasing fields for haying; entering into a long term lease with a "curator" to rehabilitate the main house; renting out the squash barn or portion of the property for events, etc.)

Establish a bed and breakfast in the main house

Establish a farm museum in the main house or elsewhere on the property

Create community garden plots for those who don't have a lot large enough for a garden

Sell the main house with a preservation restriction to someone who will restore it

Use a portion of the property for affordable housing

Construct ball fields and other recreational facilities, such as a skating rink

Comments and ideas:

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