

**TOWN OF WASHINGTON  
ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ACQUISITION  
OF OPEN SPACE LAND**

**IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED:**

1. Subject to the provisions of paragraph 3 of this Ordinance, the Conservation Commission of the Town of Washington is hereby authorized, pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. Section 7-131a, to acquire, in the name of the Town, land to be held as open space, or any easements, interest or rights in such land. The Conservation Commission may also enter into covenants and agreements with the owners of interests in such open space land to maintain, improve, protect, limit the future use of, or otherwise conserve such open space.
2. Subject to provision of paragraph 3 of this Ordinance, the Planning Commission of the Town of Washington is hereby authorized to acquire, in the name of the Town, any areas of land within a proposed subdivision or resubdivision that the Planning Commission, pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. Section 8-25, required to be set aside or conveyed for open space, park, playground or other municipal purposes, or any easements, interest or rights in such land. The Planning Commission may also enter into covenants and agreements with the owners of interest in such open space land to maintain, improve, protect, limit the future use of, or otherwise conserve such land.
3. Any acquisition that is made pursuant to paragraph 1 or paragraph 2 of this Ordinance by gift, devise or any other form of conveyance not requiring any payment by or other compensation from the Town of Washington may be made without further action of the legislative body of the Town. Any acquisition under paragraph 1 or paragraph 2 that requires a payment to be made or other compensation to be provided by the Town shall require the approval of the legislative body. If the legislative body of the Town approves an appropriation of funds for such acquisition, such appropriation shall be deemed to constitute the approval by the legislative body of the acquisition itself, provided no other compensation in addition to the amount of the appropriation will be required.

**This Ordinance shall become effective November 1, 2003.**