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To: Marian Larson, Chairman – OSIC
From: Planning Board

The Sterling Planning board endorses the 2009 Draft Open Space and Recreation Plan for the Town of Sterling, prepared under the direction of the town's Open Space and Implementation Committee.

We notice that Goal A in the Five Year Action Plan schedule contains items that could use the experience and expertise of the Planning Board. The board is interested in investigating various aspects of what was under the umbrella of "cluster zoning" and has worked with Ed Himlan in the past.

The board is also investigating Master Plan development. We note that MGL Ch. 41 Section 81D specifically charges the planning board with this task. We invite your committee to look at this Chapter and Section as it mentions several goals and policies which are included in your "Open Space and Recreation Plan". Item #6 in the cited MGL specifically states, as an item to be included, in the Master Plan,...

"(6) Open Space and Recreation element which provides an inventory of recreational and resources and open space areas of the municipality, and policies and strategies for the management and protection of such resources and areas."

It would almost seem that the OSRP should be a subset of a Master Plan rather than the other way around.

Kenneth I. H. Williams

Clerk, Sterling Planning Board

CC: Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator