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Open Space Committee

December 12, 2013

Ms. Janet K. Adachi, Chair
Town of Acton Board of Selectmen
Acton Town Hall
472 Main Street
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RE: Donation of Lands – Milldam Trust

Dear Chairman Adachi and Board of Selectmen:

The Milldam Trust has offered to donate to the Town of Acton five parcels of undeveloped land ranging in size from 0.3 to 4.7 acres and totaling approximately 7 acres. As explained to the Open Space Committee, these parcels were lands retained during earlier residential developments for various reasons, but have no current development potential. The five parcels are listed below and their locations are shown on the attached two figures.

Address	Map/Parcel	Acreage
0 Patriots Road	E-4/13	0.269
17 Patriots Road	E-3/102-2	0.579
8 Meadowbrook Road	E-4/13-5	0.942
59 Newtown Road	E-3/102	4.700
181 Arlington Street	F2A/13	0.462
Total Acreage		6.952

The Open Space Committee has reviewed and visited these parcels and believes they have value as town-owned open space. The Patriots Road and Newton Road parcels abut the Town of Acton Putnam Conservation Land, while the Meadowbrook Road parcel lies proximate to the Putnam Conservation Land and is potentially accessible thereto by way of an existing easement. Together these parcels expand the Putnam holdings and offer additional protection to Conant Brook, which

lies therein. Additionally, each of these parcels has value as a potential "pocket park," neighborhood green space, and/or green-belt connection. Similarly, the Arlington Street parcel abuts Fort Pond Brook, offering protection to both the brook and the wetland resources associated with it. This parcel is part of the wetland system located between the Gates and Douglas Elementary Schools and the nature boardwalk located therein. As such, it expands and contributes to the educational value of this resource.

Given the above considerations, the Open Space Committee has voted unanimously to recommend to the Board of Selectmen that the Town of Acton accept these lands as a gift and proceed with the transfer of said lands from the Milldam Trust to the Town of Acton.

The Open Space Committee thanks you for your consideration of this recommendation, and is available to meet with you to answer any questions you may have concerning this recommendation.

Respectfully yours,

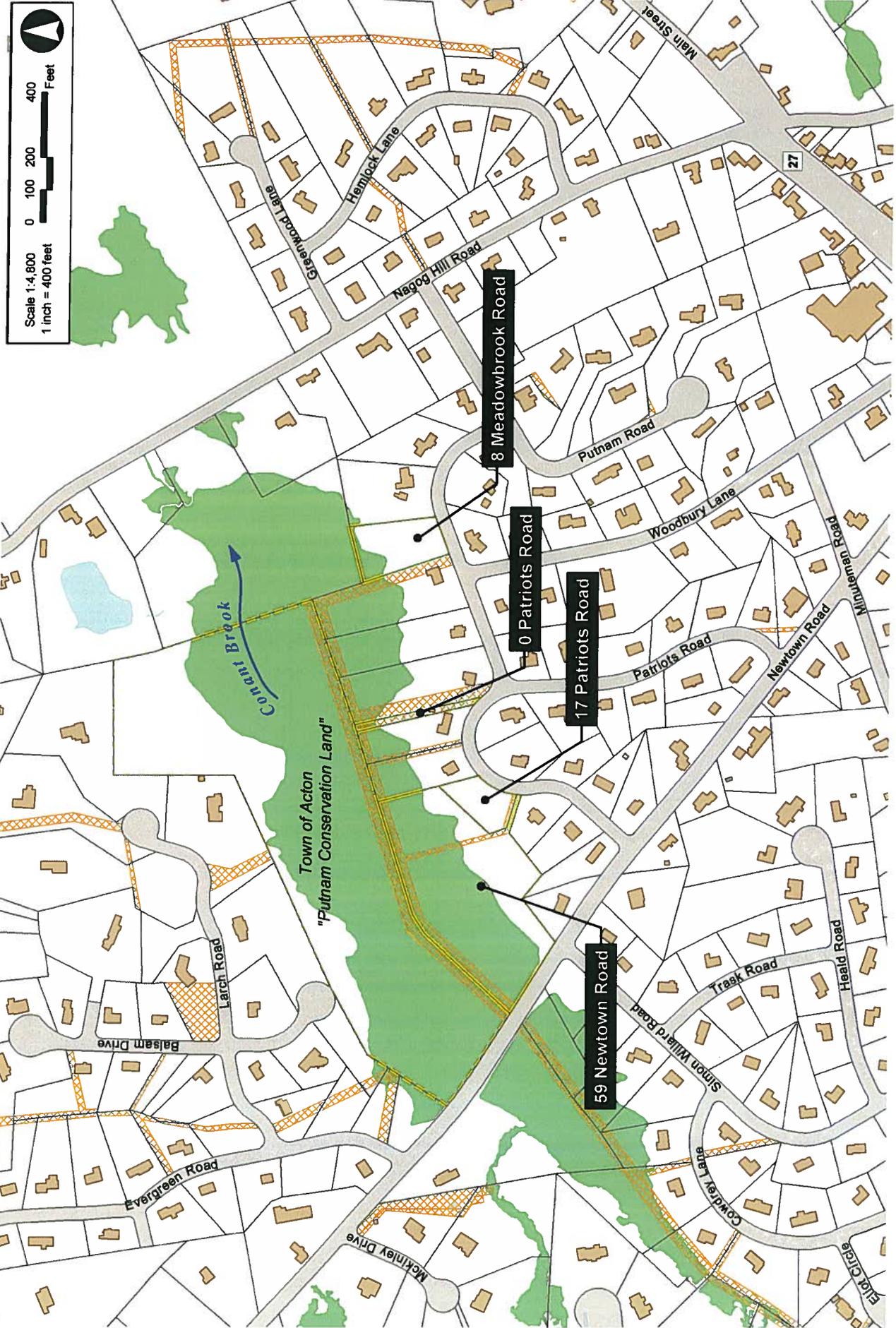
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Andrew D. Magee, Chair
Town of Acton Open Space Committee

cc. S.Ledoux, Town Manager ✓
T.Tidman, Director of Natural Resources

Figure attachments
"Patriots Road, Newtown Road, and Meadowbrook Road"
"Arlington Street"

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Milidam Trust Parcels Acton, Massachusetts

Patriots Road, Newtown Road, and Meadowbrook Road

