

## REPORT OF THE OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

Since its inception in 2003, the Fremont Open Space Committee has worked in conjunction with the Fremont Conservation Commission, the Board of Selectmen, and the residents of Fremont to ensure that Fremont's rural past as well as Fremont's future, is properly protected. During these last five years this work has provided the Town of Fremont with monetary grants totaling over \$160,000 as well as countless hours of service grants. These monetary awards have been used for land protection projects in areas such as Glen Oaks and Spruce Swamp, while service grants have been used for projects such as the creation of a natural resource inventory for the Fremont Master Plan.

During the last year the Fremont Open Space Committee sponsored events such as a "Turtle Walk" and an "Owl Prowl" which provided participants with information about the animal population around Fremont as well as to exposed residents to the natural beauty of Fremont's protected areas. Additionally, Committee members have installed signs and markers in the Glen Oaks conservation area as well as conducted ongoing monthly audits of the area to ensure the integrity of the land.



Photo Courtesy: Mary Currier, RCCD

The Fremont Open Space Committee continues to study new opportunities to further protect special locations in Fremont. We hope to be able to offer additional activities and hope that residents continue to take advantage of the magnificent areas that belong to all of the residents of Fremont.

Respectfully submitted,

The Fremont Open Space Committee



L to R: Conservation Commission Members Jack Karcz and Janice O'Brien, Rockingham County Conservation District Executive Director Mary Currier, Property Owners Christine and Hjalmer "Andy" Anderson, and Selectmen Gene Cordes and Brett Hunter, following signing of a Conservation Easement Deed on the Anderson property on Old Ridge Road. The Easement is held by RCCD and the Town holds an Executory Interest.

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Above: Christine and Andy Anderson signing the easement at a Selectmen's meeting On June 26, 2008. This property interest was facilitated by Fremont organizations, working with the RCCD.