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**Ordinance Committee Growth Area deliberations** [Inbox X](#) [Misc X](#)**David Plimpton** to Jim, aeskay, Frank, David, Jesse [show details](#) Mar 23 [Reply](#)

Dear Jim, Anne and Frank,

I appreciated the policy and planning discussion you conducted at your meeting this Monday, March 21, and the deliberative approach you are undertaking on the difficult issues surrounding future land use planning in Cape Elizabeth. I look forward to your next meeting on April 27.

As Mary Esposito and I pointed out before and during the March 21 meeting, and as Jay Cox expressed in his e-mail to you before the meeting, I hope you, the Council and the new Future Open Space Preservation Committee will continue to keep in mind the overwhelming concern about (a) additional residential housing and (b) protection of what are actually rural areas from unwise and unnecessary growth, expressed in: (1) the public opinion survey of residents in 2005, (2) the comments of residents during the Comprehensive Plan debate in the Fall of 2007, and (3) the comments of residents at the joint Council and Planning Board meeting in September 2010. These concerns were taken into account and, in my view, well-reflected in the open space and land use work plans approved by the Council thereafter.

As you continue your work, I hope that you will also consider some important recent and current studies and news on these subjects, such as the following:

1. *The Post Carbon Reader* (2010), Watershed Media) (<http://www.postcarbon.org/reader>)

This book includes 16 chapters, which cover such subjects as the foundation concepts of sustainability and resilience, climate, water, biodiversity, food (including community food systems), population, culture and behavior, energy, cities, towns and suburbs (including the death of sprawl - designing for 21st century resource and climate crises), transportation, waste, health, education and building resilience.

I respectfully suggest that this book and similar studies are must-reading for all public officials, planners and indeed for all residents seriously interested in the future of our Town, State and Nation.

2. [http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/us-new-home-sales-unexpectedly-fall-to-lowest-on-record/2011/03/23/ABae071B\\_story.html?hpid=z2](http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/us-new-home-sales-unexpectedly-fall-to-lowest-on-record/2011/03/23/ABae071B_story.html?hpid=z2)

3. <http://www.pressherald.com/business/New-home-sales-plunge-to-record-low-htm>

4. [http://www.pressherald.com/news/waiting-for-uncle-sam\\_2011-03-23.html](http://www.pressherald.com/news/waiting-for-uncle-sam_2011-03-23.html)

5. <http://opinionator.blogs.nytimes.com/2011/03/22/food-six-things-to-feel-good-about/?hp>

Thank you for your consideration of the foregoing and your efforts on behalf of the Town.

Sincerely,

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