

## **ARTICLE 9. Watershed Land Acquisition Shutesbury**

- This article authorizes the purchase of 17.8 acres of land in Atkins Reservoir watershed
- The Atkins Reservoir provides approximately 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of Amherst's drinking water supply
- Multiple surface water features are located on this property:
  - 3 streams
  - 1 pond (potential vernal pool)
- Threat of development to this property:
  - Current owners are highly motivated sellers
  - Wetlands delineation and percolation tests have been performed
  - Possible to subdivide into 2 house lots



## **ARTICLE 10. Watershed Land Acquisition Pelham**

- 14 acres in Pelham Reservoirs watershed
- Abuts Amherst-owned watershed land on east and south borders
- Will expand Amherst's land holding in Pelham; long-term goal is to continue expanding this tract of Amherst-owned land to protect nearby tributaries

### **Purchase of these properties will contribute to long-term watershed protection goals:**

- Amherst will own, and therefore protect, additional watershed land
- Ownership allows Amherst to control activities on land
- Prevent development that may negatively impact water supply

**Watershed topography and land cover determine the quality of surface water. Higher quality surface water means higher quality drinking water!**

