



Town of Barnstable
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE



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Committee Members

Lindsey B. Counsell – Chair • Tom Lee – Vice Chair • Vacant – Clerk/Historical Commission • Terry Duenas – At Large • Katherine Garofoli – At Large
 Stephen Robichaud – Planning Board • Tom Lee – Conservation Commission • Vacant – Recreation Commission
 Deborah Converse – Housing Authority • Farley Lewis – At Large • Felicia Penn, President – Town Council Liaison

Monday, September 16, 2024
Regular Public Hearing DRAFT Minutes
Meeting Held Via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/81730749277>
5:30 PM

Lindsey Counsell – Chair	Present
Tom Lee-Vice Chair	Present
Katherine Garofoli	Present
Deborah Converse	Present
Stephen Robichaud	Absent
Farley Lewis	Present
Terry Duenas	Absent

Call to Order:

Notice of Recording: With a quorum present, Chair Lindsey Counsell called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm and read: “Please note that tonight’s meeting is recorded and broadcast on Channel 18 and, in accordance with MGL Chapter 30A, s.20, I must inquire whether anyone else is taping this meeting and to please make their presence known.” No one present was recording the meeting.

Minutes:

- Approval of the Draft Community Preservation Committee Regular Meeting Minutes from August 19, 2024.

The motion of Tom Lee was seconded by Katherine Garofoli to approve the August 19, 2024, CPC meeting minutes as submitted.

Roll Call Vote: Deb Converse (yes); Katherine Garofoli (yes); Tom Lee (yes); Farley Lewis (yes); and Lindsey Counsell (yes). 5 – yes, 0- no. Motion carried.

Letters of Intent:

- None received.

Application

- An Application has been received from Orenda Wildlife Land Trust Inc. seeking \$100,000 in Community Preservation Open Space Funds for the acquisition and preservation of a 5.5-acre property comprised of two parcels on Smith’s Creek, a major tributary of the Barnstable Great Marsh in West Barnstable. The total purchase price is \$400,000 with matching funds to be provided through a State Conservation Grant and private fundraising. Acquisition of this property would continue the decades-long effort by the Town of Barnstable, State Fish and Game, Barnstable Land Trust and Orenda to preserve this major Cape Cod Bay

embayment. The property is a priority habitat for rare species and its preservation would protect the freshwater and tidal wetlands lying within 300 feet. The Town of Barnstable will co-hold the conservation restriction with Compact of Cape Cod Conservation Trust.

Mr. Mark Robinson, Executive Director of the Compact of Cape Cod Conservation Trust, said he also serves as advisor to Orenda Wildlife Land Trust providing technical assistance since 1988. He said the 5.5-acre property which had been appraised at \$410,000 was brought forward to the Compact this winter and a purchase price of \$400,000 was negotiated. The property is located along the east side of Smith's Creek where water drains from the south side of Route 6A and flows through a culvert onto this property and then into the creek and harbor. Mr. Robinson explained that Orenda has major properties on the other side of Smith's Creek, including at the end of Meadow Lane where the Wyman Turtle Garden is located noting that this is an important nesting habitat for the threatened Diamondback Terrapin state-listed species. He said a grant application had been submitted to the state through the Conservation Partnership Program in July and anticipates he will hear back in the next month or two. If awarded, the grant funds would reimburse Orenda Wildlife Land Trust for half of the purchase price. He said that in this Community Preservation Open Space Application, they are asking the Town for \$100,000 to be secured by a perpetual Conservation Restriction. Additionally, Orenda will conduct private fundraising including their Gardening for Wildlife Gala which is coming up in October and proceeds of that event would go be used toward this acquisition.

Mr. Daniel Morast, President of Orenda, thanked the CPC members for considering the project. He said that the turtle garden efforts for protecting the nests and the young hatchling turtles have been a huge success with much community participation. He said he looked forward to expanding the footprint in Great Marsh and interacting with the other organizations in expanding our project.

Public Comment:

Mr. Steve Rizzo spoke in favor of Orenda's acquisition of the property.

The motion of Tom Lee was seconded by Katherine Garofoli to approve and recommend Orenda Wildlife Land Trust's Application for \$100,000 for acquisition and preservation of a 5.5-acre property comprised of two parcels located on the east side Smith's Creek and addressed 564 and 0 Main Street, West Barnstable, map 133, parcel 011 and map 157, parcel 004-002 respectively. Funds are to be taken first from the Community Preservation account set aside for Open Space and Recreation with any remaining balance to be taken from the Undesignated Community Preservation account. A perpetual Conservation Restriction will be co-held by the Town of Barnstable and Compact of Cape Cod Conservation Trust.

Roll Call Vote: Deb Converse (yes); Katherine Garofoli (yes); Tom Lee (yes); Farley Lewis (yes); and Lindsey Counsell (yes). 5 – yes; 0 – no. Motion carried.

Correspondence Received

- None received.

Project Updates:

- The Federated Church of Hyannis is gathering the required 3 bids for their application for restoration of the Universalist Cemetery. The application is anticipated to be received for the October 21, 2024, CPC meeting.
- Oakmont Road, Cummaquid open space acquisition update. Waiting for additional information that may possibly result in a stand-alone open space acquisition.
 - Mr. Rizzo noted that the Barnstable Water Prudential Committee has voted to withdraw the CPC Application for acquisition of the Oakmont Road parcel and a letter of withdrawal is planned to be submitted to CPC. A non-profit group may be following up on the acquisition of the Oakmont Road parcels.
- The Wheeler Holly Preserve trail easement was accepted at the September 5, 2024, Town Council meeting.
- Progress is being made on the Centerville and Osterville Playground projects.
- Bidding process is underway for the CC Rail Trail Phase III by Mass DOT. Award of the project will be announced October 1, 2024.
- The Affordable Housing Growth & Development Trust Fund Board's Semi-Annual Report to CPC is anticipated to be received for the October 21, 2024, CPC meeting.
- An appraisal has been ordered for 10.4 acres located at 304 Putnam Ave, Barnstable. The Town may acquire a portion to expand the adjacent cemetery with some open space remaining.
- The Historical Society of Santuit and Cotuit's Phase II work Application has been forwarded to the Town Council for public hearing scheduling.
- The required CP-3 report and updates to the State Department of Revenue have been completed and submitted.

Member Discussion:

- Format for the October 21, 2024, Community Preservation Committee meeting.
 - After a brief discussion it was decided that the October 21, 2024, CPC meeting would be held remotely.

Public Comment:

Adjournment:

The motion of Tom Lee was seconded by Katherine Garofoli to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call Vote: Deb Converse (yes); Katherine Garofoli (yes); Tom Lee (yes); Farley Lewis (yes); and Lindsey Counsell (yes). 5 – yes, 0 no. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5: 52 p.m.

List of documents/exhibits used by the Committee at the meeting:

Exhibit 1 –CPC Regular Meeting Agenda, September 16. 2024.

Exhibit 2 – Draft Minutes for the August 19, 2024, CPC Regular Meeting.

Exhibit 3 – CPC Application - Orenda Wildlife Land Trust – acquisition of a 5.5 acre property on Smith's Creek, West Barnstable as open space.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen M. Swiniarski
Community Preservation Coordinator
Planning & Development Department

Please Note: The list of matters is those reasonably anticipated by the Chair which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may be discussed, and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law. It is possible that, if it so votes, the Committee may go into Executive Session for specified allowable reasons. The Committee may also act on items in an order other than they appear on this agenda.

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