

# Town of Barnstable COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE



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Committee Members

Lindsey B. Counsell – Chair • Tom Lee – Vice Chair • Marilyn Fifield – 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, June 17, 2024 Regular CPC Meeting APPROVED Minutes Remote Access Meeting via Zoom Link: https://zoom.us/j/86409254762 5:30 PM

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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 being recorded and broadcast on the Town of Barnstable's Government Access Channel. In accordance with MGL Chapter 30A, s. 20 the Chair must inquire whether anyone else is recording this meeting and to please make their presence known." No one present was recording the meeting.

# Call to Order (Roll Call)

Present: Marilyn Fifield – **yes**, Tom Lee – **yes**, Deborah Converse– **yes**, Katherine Garofoli – **yes**, Stephen Robichaud – **yes**, Farley Lewis – **yes**, and Lindsey Counsell – **yes**. Terry Duenas – **absent**.

# <u>Minutes</u>

The motion of Tom Lee was seconded by Deb Converse to approve the draft Community Preservation Committee Regular Meeting Minutes from May 20, 2024, as submitted. **Roll Call Vote**: Marilyn Fifield – **yes**, Tom Lee – **yes**, Deborah Converse – **yes**, Katherine Garofoli – **yes**, Farley Lewis – **yes**, Stephen Robichaud – **yes**, and Lindsey Counsell – **yes**. **Motion carried**.

## Letter of Intent/Application

A Letter of Intent and Application has been received from the Marina Enterprise Fund, an entity that is part of the Marine & Environmental Affairs Department for the Town of Barnstable. The request is for \$1,150,000 in Community Preservation Open Space/Recreation Funds for the purchase of property addressed 211 Cedar Tree Neck Road, Marstons Mills, which directly abuts the Marina at Prince Cove that is owned by the Town of Barnstable. Purchase of this property would allow for a phased expansion of the Marina providing residents and the public with additional access to the water and supporting multiple recreational uses, and maximizing land already owned by the Town of Barnstable. Funding for any future expansions would be provided by the Marina Enterprise Fund.

Chair Counsell noted that the Town Manager's Office requested that both the Letter of Intent and Application be taken up in one meeting to expedite process. Mr. Derek Lawson, Director of Marine and Environmental Affairs, Town of Barnstable and Barnstable Harbormaster Brian Taylor were available for questions. Mr. Lawson narrated a PowerPoint presentation depicting the location of the property directly abutting the town-owned Marina at Prince Cove. An aerial view depicted the siting of the buildings and other features such as fencing and parking. Mr. Lawson said that this request for funding is for a strategic acquisition for waterfront property that could potentially maximize the abutting marina owned by the town. Mr. Lawson explained that the short-term goal is to increase public access to the water and allow more parking as the existing marina parking lot fills up very early on weekends. He noted that the house will be evaluated to see how it could potentially be used in the future, however, the short-term goal is to obtain more parking for the marina. He noted also the marina's existing problematic on-site traffic flow and the potential improvements the acquisition of the Cedar Tree Neck Rd parcel could provide by reconfiguration. He said that any future expenses would be paid by the Marina Enterprise Fund.

In response to committee members' questions, Mr. Lawson explained that the Marine Enterprise Fund builds docks to be used at the Marina at Prince Cove noting that the garage located on the subject property could potentially be used for that. He said that the house needs to be evaluated to confirm potential uses. Mr. Lawson confirmed that the town could in fact lose the purchase of the property to another buyer, noting that the town is fast tracking the funding approval process for acquisition. Mr. Lawson confirmed that there already is and will continue to be public access to the water, saying that there is a boat and kayak launch for the general public where anyone can park for the day and launch a small boat for a small fee. Expansion of parking will increase the number of people who can take advantage of accessing the water. There was discussion about whether the existing marina parcel could be improved to provide additional parking, however, Mr. Lawson explained that the marina is hidden from the road by the trees in the upper portion of the lot which adds to the beauty of the site, but more importantly, this area is too sloped to be cleared and graded to create additional parking. He noted that the subject parcel is mostly flat. There was discussion about extension of the bulkhead across the waterfront of the property, however it was pointed out that extensive permitting would be required, and it is not planned presently. Mr. Lawson confirmed that if the addition of boat slips or extension of the bulkhead is planned the public would be given the opportunity to provide input through the Waterways Committee. Mr. Lawson explained that he had a good relationship with the now deceased owner of the property, who had said he wanted the town to purchase his property. Mr. Lawson said he received a call when the property went up for sale and has been working toward securing funds to acquire it since.

Public comment: None. The motion of Stephen Robichaud was seconded by Katherine Garofoli to recommend the Letter of Intent and Application submitted by the Marine Enterprise Fund requesting \$1,150,000 for the potential purchase of property located at 211 Cedar Tree Neck Road, Marstons Mills for open space and recreation purposes. Funds are to be taken first from the amount set aside within the Community Preservation Fund for Open Space and Recreation with the remaining balance to be taken from the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund. Any portion of the \$1,150,000 not used for the purchase price of the property will be returned to the Community Preservation Fund. Funding for future improvements or expansions will be provided by the Marine Enterprise Fund.

Roll Call Vote: Deb Converse – yes, Katherine Garofoli – yes, Tom Lee – yes, Farley Lewis – yes, Stephen Robichaud – yes, and Lindsey Counsell – yes. Motion carried.

## Application

• None received.

Correspondence Received

• None received.

Chair Counsel Provided the Following Project Updates:

- Barnstable Land Trust's Application for Santuit Woodlands CR has been forwarded for Town Council Public Hearing.
- The Wheeler Road Grant Closing has been scheduled for the end of June 2024.
- Mills Property, Mashpee the approved Conservation Restriction (CR) to be granted to the Mass Division of Fish and Wildlife – Closing is in the process of being scheduled.
- Work continues on the Olde Colonial Court House building and will be completed late summer.
- Progress is being made on the Centerville and Osterville Playground projects.
- CC Rail Trail Phase 3 CR's review has begun. The CR's are for mitigation of the land used for the easement for the pathway. Bidding for the project is scheduled for August 2024.

Member Discussion:

- July 15, 2024, Annual CPC Public Meeting and Regular CPC meeting will be held in person in the Hearing Room at Town Hall.
- It was confirmed that Jillian Douglass, Affordable Housing Trust Administrator will be present at the CPC Annual Public Meeting July 15, 2024, to cover the CPA Community Housing category administered by the Trust.
- It was noted that a draft of the Housing Production Plan (HPP) is available online and open for public comment through the Planning & Development Department and the HPP will also be taken up at the June 24, 2024, Planning Board as a public hearing.

# Public Comment:

None.

#### Adjournment:

Motion was made by Stephen Robichaud and seconded by Katherine Garofoli to adjourn. Roll Call Vote: Deb Converse – yes; Katherine Garofoli – yes; Tom Lee – yes, Farley Lewis – yes; Stephen Robichaud – yes, and Lindsey Counsell – yes. Motion carried: Meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

## Next Regularly Scheduled CPC Meeting July 15, 2024 7:00 p.m. Annual FY25 CPC Public Hearing, July 15, 2024 5:30 p.m.

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

Exhibit 1 –CPC Agenda, June 17, 2024. Exhibit 2 –Draft CPC Meeting Minutes – May 20, 2024. Exhibit 3 – Letter of Intent/Application – Marine Enterprise Fund – 211 Cedar Tree Neck Rd., Marstons Mills Acquisition Exhibit 4 - PowerPoint Presentation – Marine Enterprise Fund – 211 Cedar Tree Neck Rd, Marstons Mills Acquisition

Respectfully submitted, Ellen M. Swiniarski Community Preservation Coordinator and edited by CPC Clerk Marilyn Fifield

<u>Please Note</u>: 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 the Committee may vote to go into Executive Session. The Committee may also act on items in an order other than they appear on this agenda.

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