

TOWN OF ORLEANS
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE



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MINUTES
August 10, 2023, 4:30 p.m.

A meeting of the Community Preservation Committee was held in the Skaket Room of Town Hall beginning at 4.30pm on August 10, 2023. Real-time public access was provided by zoom and Orleans Channel 18 on the Town website and cable television.

Attending for the CPC: Chair Walter North, Vice Chair Barry Alper, Clerk Sue Christie, Ms. Francolini, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Lipman, Mr. Galligan, Ms. Gaskill and Ms. Minkoff.

Call to Order – The Chair called the meeting to order at 4.30pm.

Welcome and introduction of the new member from Planning, Maxine Minkoff. Ms. Minkoff briefly introduced herself to the CPC as the new representative from the Planning Committee.

Public Comment –

Ms. Hadley Luddy, CEO of the Homeless Prevention Council (HPC), spoke about the intention to file a grant application for an accessible outdoor pathway and parking area at the new HPC site at 8 Main Street. She summarized the work of the HPC and the use of the previous HPC office location for affordable residences. She questioned whether her application would fall under the Recreation or Community Housing category. It was suggested she consider it as part of Community Housing. She noted she had a construction budget of \$14,785 to \$16,000. CPC members urged her to anticipate the rise in construction costs that might occur in the next several months that could affect her final costs. The Town Manager recommended the application be submitted by Monday or Tuesday morning to be included in a meeting with Town Counsel for his consideration.

Consideration and possible contingent vote on the RAC grant application for fall consideration.

Recreation Advisory Committee chair Ms. Murphy addressed the grant submission for \$25,000 for a feasibility study on the use of the “cold storage” site on Bay Ridge Lane. She explained the success of the current pickleball courts at Eldredge and the need for more courts. Space for additional pickleball courts is not available at the site on Eldredge Parkway. The feasibility study will consider building, space, and park usage not only for pickleball courts. Basketball courts have been sought in Orleans for some time. There has also been some need expressed for an area for young children to ride tricycles safely. The feasibility study will consider municipal uses and links with nearby recreation and amenities such as the rail trail and the recently completed Overland Way pathway.

Discussion followed regarding what might be recommended by the study and how a subsequent CPC grant application might develop. The Town Manager reminded everyone of the implied costs to the town to run something that might be later installed. She also stressed the importance of getting the project quoted by outside vendors and not relying on the Town Department of Public Works for special projects. It was noted that no quotes were received in response to the previous RFP to build pickleball courts which is why the DPW undertook a past installation.

Mr. Alper moved to entertain proposals for FY24 CPC grants, to be voted upon at the fall Town Meeting, from the HPC for an accessible walkway area and the RAC for a feasibility study at Bay Ridge Lane. Mr. Lipman seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion carried: 9-0-0.

Mr. Alper moved to recommend approval of the grant for \$25,000 to the RAC for a feasibility study for 18-21 Bay Ridge Lane. Mr. Galligan seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion carried: 9-0-0.

There was some discussion regarding the proposed grant application from the HPC. Mr. Alper volunteered to act as liaison. A public hearing has been scheduled for August 24, 2023 to allow public input prior to applications being recommended to the Select Board and included in the warrant for the fall Town Meeting.

Mr. Alper moved to recommend approval of a grant to HPC for \$20,000 for an accessible area at 8 Main Street contingent upon receipt of a completed application that matches what Ms. Luddy presented at the meeting and subject to approval by Town Counsel. Ms. Minkoff seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion carried: 9-0-0.

Updates about ongoing projects

Ms. Gaskill reported that the Overland Way connector project was complete.

Ms. Gaskill noted the hardwired traffic lights at the bike trail and Main Street were nearly complete. Some wiring issues were outstanding.

Ms. Gaskill reported the preservation of the exterior of the French Cable Museum was nearly complete. There is still some outstanding wiring to finish in the other French Cable project.

Mr. Ellis said the Academy had spent everything in its first grant and had started on the next phases. Many agreed the Academy building is looking "great."

Ms. Christie said she was awaiting the signed grant agreement for the NW Schoolhouse project. It was noted that a response regarding the Garden Walkway at COA has not been received yet regarding additional costs.

Mr. Alper said the Pennrose project is about 95% funded and the balance is hoped to be received from Barnstable ARPA funds.

Mr. Alper said it was less certain whether the funding for 107 Main Street was lined up. That project is also awaiting a decision regarding ARPA funding from Barnstable County.

Ms. Francolini said Snow Library had completed the evaluation stage for archival work at the library.

Mr. Lipman said the new well has been installed at Putnam Farm.

Mr. Galligan said the Federated Church of Orleans had signed the grant agreement for FY24.

Review and consider feedback regarding the Comprehensive Plan

Mr. Lipman provided some comments about information shared about the Comprehensive Plan. He particularly noted the need for disability services including recreation in Orleans. He expressed an interest in seeing the town incorporate expanded social activities or festivals particularly for the underserved populations of youth/young people and the elderly or those with accessibility/ability

challenges. Ms. Minkoff concurred suggesting parts of town could offer greater “vibrancy” after 8pm. It was agreed the CPC will consider feedback for the Comprehensive Plan at the August 24, 2023 meeting.

Approval of Minutes of May 4, 2023.

Mr. Galligan moved to approve the minutes of July 6, 2023 with a minor change. Ms. Christie seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried: 9-0-0.

Adjourn

Mr. Alper moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Galligan seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried: 9-0-0.

*Respectfully submitted –
Jennifer Fountain*