

**TOWN OF ORLEANS
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES
October 5, 2023, 4:30 p.m.**

A hybrid meeting of the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) was held in the Nauset Room of Town Hall and via Zoom beginning at 4.30pm on October 5, 2023. Real-time public access was provided by Orleans Channel 8 on the Town website and cable television.

In attendance in the Nauset Room were Chair Walter North, Vice Chair Barry Alper, Clerk Sue Christie, Maxine Minkoff, Charles Ellis, Stephanie Gaskill, Joan Francolini, John Lipman and Kevin Galligan.

Call to Order – The Chair called the meeting to order at 4.32. He reported that members of the committee had just had a field visit to the French Cable Museum and had valued the opportunity to see the results of recent CPC grants.

Public Comment – No one presented for public comment.

Update on Putnam Farm - Mr. Rick Francolini, advocate and “helper”, reviewed the history of stewardship, restoration and community growing at Putnam Farm. He showed photographs and explained the impact the property has had on many growers and communities on the lower Cape. He explained the various partnerships and collaborations that help progress at the property and brought the committee up to date with the infrastructure project covered by a recent CPC grant for electricity and well-water. He briefly discussed future aspirations for the property including wetland restoration, an educational pavilion, and solar power. The plan is for an economically viable and self-sustaining property on the 14 acres at Putnam Farm.

Update about FY2025 Grant Applications – No early applications have been received yet for FY25.

Discuss and vote to approve payment of annual Coalition dues -

Mr. Galligan moved to pay the \$3,500 annual dues for the Community Preservation Coalition. Ms. Francolini seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion carried: 9-0-0.

Updates for ongoing projects

Ms. Christie advised that Veteran’s Park was developing an FY25 application for a walkway, irrigation, and electricity for the park rehabilitation under the recreational category.

Oddfellows are still awaiting work on the NW Schoolhouse kitchen.

No information is available on the plans for the Bandstand.

The Skatepark hopes to receive a State grant but will apply to CPC and withdraw their request, if they succeed with the State ask to cover rehabilitation of the surface of the park.

Mr. Ellis said he expected a grant application from CHO relating to the preservation structure for the coast guard vessel.

He said the Orleans Historic Commission would also have several follow-up grant applications for the updates of the towns Form Bs, the next phases of the archeological survey into early Nauset sites, and the East Main historic district.

Mr. Alper said he had followed up with POAH about the FY24 grant for Juniper Hill. POAH is applying for additional funding and does not expect to begin work until June of 2024.

The Pennrose project is moving through the myriad details toward a construction closing in 2023. (Mr. North said he would follow up with the Finance Department on how the CPC bond for Pennrose would impact the available funds for FY2025).

The development at 107 Main Street is still not completely funded but is progressing.

Ms. Gaskill noted the completion of most of the grants for the French Cable Museum.

She suggested there could be applications from the Open Space committee and wondered what the local funding and State match for CPC this year might be. (Mr. North will follow up through Finance).

Ms. Francolini said she did not expect the Recreation Advisory Committee to apply for a grant with CPC in FY2025 except for possible work at the Bay Ridge site.

She noted that revised costs were needed for an application for the Village Green walkway in FY25. She reported that Snow Library had found some volunteers to assist with the archival project at the library.

Mr. Lipman said the November CPC meeting would probably be the opportune time to review feedback on the Orleans Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Galligan said he expects an FY25 application to fund restoration and preservation of the Civil War Monument.

The CPC briefly discussed FY25 funding to complete work at the Council on Aging. Details are still to be advised.

Adjourn

Mr. Lipman moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Francolini seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion carried: 9-0-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 5.45pm.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Fountain*