

TOWN OF ORLEANS  
OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

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TOWN CLERKS OFFICE

10 MAY -5 AM 9:00

MINUTES

Wednesday, November 4, 2009  
Orleans Town Hall, Skaket Room

The meeting was call to order at 8:00 AM by Chairman Alan McClennen

Members present: Alan McClennen, Steve Bornemeier, Jeff Norgeot, Mefford Runyan, and Seth Wilkinson, as current and former members of the Committee. Also present were Kris Ramsay and Mark Robinson representing the Orleans Conservation Trust.

1. **Approval of Minutes**

- Minutes of July 1, 2009 Meeting and August 12, 2009 Meeting were approved.

2. **Chairman's Report**

- Alan reviewed status of Putnam property: Michael Sutton's appraisal suggests value of \$285,000, compared to town assessment of \$600,000. The Board discussed and agreed that nonetheless it may be a good time to initiate formal negotiations, possibly including rights for retained agricultural usage or alternative energy siting. Alan suggests that potential acquisition could be funded in part by \$300,000 from state for Sparrow acquisition, plus town funding that would potentially be eligible for 50% state money. The Board approved going ahead with formal application to the Selectmen.

3. **OCT Comments by Kris and Mark**

- Matthews Property—change in state funds availability may require changes in the envisioned strategies for this property (1/2 state funding, 1/4 town of Brewster, 1/4 town of Orleans). It was agreed to wait and see.
- Twinings Pond property—roughly \$240,000 of \$480,000 required for acquisition has been committed. Alan and Seth, as members of the Community Preservation Committee recommended application for balance of needed funding by 12/1 deadline.
- Thatcher Estate Property—12 acre parcel off Freeman's Way would be excellent acquisition but \$2,000,000 price range will require creative thinking (possibly finding buyer who would build on 2 acres and donate the balance for conservation restriction).

4. **Next Meeting**

- To be held Wednesday, 12/2/09 at 4:00 PM. Alan will check availability of Skaket Room.

5. **Adjournment**

- Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted

  
Steve Bornemeier  
Acting Clerk