

TOWN OF ORLEANS  
OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

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K. DeLong, Asst.  
ORLEANS TOWN CLERK

MINUTES

Wednesday, February 23, 2011  
Orleans Town Hall, Skaket Room

Attending: Alan McClennen (Chairman), and Members Steve Bornemeier, Mefford Runyon, Jeff Norgeot, and Patty Crow. Also in attendance were David Dunford, representing the Orleans Selectmen, and Kris Ramsey, representing the Orleans Conservation Trust.

1. The meeting was called to order at 8:00.
2. Minutes of the Meeting of January 5, 2011 were approved.
3. Alan led discussion on the Putnam Property, noting that the Management Plan is in process of being developed and is required by the pending MA grant. Alan noted that the thirteen acre plot would likely yield a central portion of five to six acres suitable for agriculture. In the course of the discussion, numerous issues, opportunities, and potential collaborators, were raised, including
  - Gus Schumacher, former Secretary of Agriculture for MA
  - Suitability of the site for fruit trees
  - Attractiveness of the site for creation of "Orleans Arboretum"
  - Plans for walking the Putnam property site again for purposes of plant inventory, possibly linking with Orleans Tree Warden, and with assistance of John Jannell, Orleans Conservation Agent, for GPS locations
  - Blackberry Patch Farm in Dennis (Karen Johnson, Director)
  - Nauset Garden Club
  - Orleans Historical Society (rare trees, Jeremiah's Gutter)
  - Need for a "Friends of Putnam Farm" (or, "Friends of Orleans Arboretum"?)
4. Alan reported on his meeting with Orleans Conservation Commission, resulting in agreement with ConsCom that a warrant article be submitted to Orleans Town Meeting for appropriation of \$78,000 from grant funding to be used for rehabilitation of the Putnam property. ConsCom also granted permission to remove invasive species such as Autumn Olive, from the Putnam Property.
5. Alan reported on plans to explore Putnam access options with Barnstable County Commissioners.
6. Alan reported that the Community Preservation Committee would be recommending a grant of \$24,000 to the Open Space Committee for pre-acquisition funding reserves.
7. A brief discussion was held about the Namequoit Road property.
8. Alan also noted that he would be making comments in favor of increased Open Space "Capital Plan funding" at the joint Selectmen/Finance Committee meeting to be held 2-23-11.

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:05. Date of next meeting will be announced.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Steve Bornemeier  
Acting Clerk