

**Wellfleet Open Space Committee Minutes
Nov 15, 2022, Zoom Meeting**

Present (via Zoom): Bruce Hurter, chair, Fred Streams, Tom Slack, John Grieb, vice chair, Lynn Southey, Liz McDonald
Guest: Denny O'Connell, WCT

Call to order 4:35 PM

Agenda approved
Minutes of 10/18/22 meeting approved with 2 corrections.

Chairman's report:

The majority of the meeting was taken up with discussion of the proposal outlined in the previous meeting's minutes to establish an Open Space Conservation Fund using funds allocated by CPC for open space. The grant request to establish the fund would include the \$119,000 from current CPC allocation and part of the 2023 estimate of \$70,000 for a total of \$150,000.

The proposal had been unanimously approved by OSC at the last meeting. Further discussion involved possible uses of the fund including the ability of OSC and ConsCom to act directly, with Selectboard approval, on projects such as property improvement -- for example, creating a small parking area on the property which we hope to place in Conservation on Paine Hollow Road, controlling invasives, setting up Conservation Restrictions, and other similar projects.

The request will be presented to CPC at their next meeting. If approved, then two articles will be submitted for the next Town Meeting Warrant. The first will allow for the establishment of the Open Space Conservation Fund and the second to fund it from CPC grants.

Standing Assignments and Liaison Reports -- deferred.

The Friends of Herring River is interviewing for a new Executive Director. Work on bridge will begin in the near future.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Slack

