

**MILLIS COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES
MARCH 16, 2023
Room 229 Veterans Memorial Building, 900 Main St., Millis, MA**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mr. Maltinsky, Chair.

Members present: Nathan Maltinsky, Chair
 David Baker
 Alan Handel
 Dr. James Lederer
 James McKay
 Ellen Rosenfeld
 Catherine MacInnes, FinCom Liaison

Members absent: Wendy Barry, Treasurer
 Mary-Ellen D'Espinosa
 Pamela Rheaume-Mustard

Also present: John McAvoy, 63 Hilltop Dr.
 Dr. David Werner, 91 Ridge St.

Oak Grove Farm Trail Improvements Phase II Proposal (submitted by Oak Grove Farm Commission); File #2023-01

Dr. David Werner and Mr. John McAvoy of the Oak Grove Farm Commission attended the meeting. Dr. Werner presented the application. He summarized the status of the project since last spring. After their filing of a Notice of Intent with the Conservation Commission, DEP became involved and “would not accept filling in of wetlands” without wetland replication, which can be very costly. Dr. Werner stated that they worked with the Conservation Commission for approval to install boardwalks instead. According to Dr. Werner, they had to hire an engineering/wetlands firm to have the wetlands delineated and plans prepared. The Commission did approve an Order of Conditions for the project in February.

Dr. Werner summarized the projected expenses for materials and erosion control devices for the project which were not included/known in the first funding request. They were approved for \$16,900.00 in CPA funds last spring. They are requesting an additional \$34,237.68 in Open Space CPA Funding for completion of the project.

On a motion made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Dr. Lederer, it was unanimously voted (6-0) in favor of appropriating **\$35,000.00** for the **Oak Grove Farm Trail Improvements Phase II Proposal** from the **Community Preservation Open Space/Recreation Resources Reserve account**.

The Community Preservation Committee **recommends approval** of the above article for the **Oak Grove Farm Trail Improvements Phase II Project** at the Town Meeting to be held on May 3, 2023.

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Annual CPC Housekeeping Article

Appropriation of FY2024 Funds

The Committee reviewed the draft calculations for the May 2023 Annual Town Meeting provided by the Town Accountant. On a motion made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Mr. McKay, it was unanimously voted (6-0) in favor making the following appropriations and transfers as provided by the Town Accountant from the Community Preservation Fund as follows:

Appropriations:

From 2024 estimated revenues for Committee Administrative Expenses	\$16,755.00
(To be divided equally: \$8,377.50 CPC Salary Account: \$8,377.50 CPC Expenses)	
From Undesignated Fund Balance for Long Term Debt- Principal (VMB)	\$20,000.00
From Undesignated Fund Balance for Long Term Debt- Interest (VMB)	\$7,950.00

Reserves:

From FY2024 estimated revenues for Historic Resources Reserve	\$33,509.00
From FY2024 estimated revenues for Community Housing Reserve	\$33,509.00
From FY2024 estimated revenues for Open Space Reserve	\$33,509.00
From FY2024 estimated revenues for Budgeted Reserve	\$80,000.00

The Community Preservation Committee **recommends approval** of the above article as written at the Town Meeting to be held on May 3, 2023.

Other Business:

Minutes

On a motion made by Mr. McKay, seconded by Mr. Baker, it was voted unanimously to approve the meeting minutes of September 29, 2022, as written.

Adjourn

There being no further discussion and on a motion made by Dr. Lederer, seconded by Mr. McKay, it was voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Camille Standley, Administrative Assistant