



ORLEANS OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

Monday October 30th, 2023

Walter North, Chair
Community Preservation Committee

Re: 37 Eli Rogers Road-0Community Preservation Committee Application

Dear Mr. North,

At the recent regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Orleans Open Space Committee on October 18th, 2023, the committee met with Stephen O'Grady, Executive Director of the Orleans Conservation Trust (OCT) to review OCT's application to the Community Preservation Committee to acquire 37 Eli Rogers Rd, Orleans for conservation purposes.

The Open Space Committee fully supports this application for several reasons. It will provide, protect, and enhance wildlife habit, it will help to support the Towns effort to ensure that the Orleans Watershed and drinking water remains protected and it will offer public access to open space for visitors and the community.

The committee voted unanimously 5-0 to support OTC's application asking that \$300,000 be set aside in the CPC budget for the acquisition of 37 Eli Rogers Rd.

Opportunities to create open space, protect and provide natural habitat and designate land as conservation in the town of Orleans are becoming increasingly rare and we ask you to support this land acquisition for the above purposes.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Lynn O'Connell, Chair, Orleans Open Space Committee