Town of Orleans
Conservation Commission

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Thursday October 19, 2023

Walter North, Chair
Community Preservation Committee

Re: 37 Eli Rogers Road – Community Preservation Committee Application

Dear Mr. North,

At its regularly scheduled meeting on October 17, 2023, the Orleans Conservation Commission reviewed the Orleans Conservation Trust's (OCT) application to the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) to acquire and conserve 37 Eli Rogers Rd, Orleans.

The Commission understands that if the application is successful, 4.5-acres of land would be protected to enhance habitat, prevent strain on water quality, and provide public access to open space. The Town's CPA contribution would grant us a Conservation Restriction over the parcel, giving the Town the opportunity to protect the property in perpetuity without the burden of land management obligations. We understand that if the application is successful, we should anticipate and would welcome holding a Conservation Restriction on the property.

The Commission voted unanimously (7-0-0) to support OCT's application, asking the CPC to include $300,000 in its budget towards acquisition of 37 Eli Rogers Rd. We recognize these unique lands that offer environmental and passive recreational value to the Town are becoming increasingly limited and opportunities for land preservation are finite, so we ask that you support this land acquisition.

Please feel free to contact the Conservation Department if you have any questions regarding our support of this application.

Sincerely,

Drusy Henson, Chair, Orleans Conservation Commission