

Open Space Acquisition Committee

Meeting Minutes

July 28, 2026

Remote meeting via Zoom

Members Present: Gerald Allen and Jennifer Haggerty

Members Absent: Carolyn Nielsen

Staff Present: Shannon Palmer, Conservation Officer

Gerald Allen was nominated and approved as Chair of the Open Space Acquisition Committee

Business Items:

1. Meeting Minutes

Vote: Member Haggerty made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from 1/7/26 as drafted. Motion seconded by Gerald Allen.

The motion passed by a roll call vote 2-0

2. Update- Bickford Property appraisal and timeline

Shannon Palmer has arranged for the appraisal of Peter Bickford's property. Once the appraisal is complete and an appraised value is established, the Committee will submit a preliminary application requesting 10% (matching funds for MVP Grant) with CPC by 9/1/26. Negotiating the purchase price of the Conservation Restriction (CR) is to be discussed.

Gerry submitted a revised version of the letter requesting support for the protection of drinking water in Cohasset, Hull, and Hingham. Shannon will review letter and send to Committee members.

Shannon mentioned that the Bickford property being a CR and not an outright purchase may cause Committee members of CPC to pause. This could potentially be a road block when it comes to funding however a CR accomplishes the same goal. She reviewed the grant timelines and next steps.

Adjourn:

Motion: Member Haggerty moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Allen seconded the motion. The motion passed by roll call vote 2-0.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved on: 8/17/26