

NEW BUSINESS (First Reading) (Refer to Second Reading)

BARNSTABLE TOWN COUNCIL

**ITEM # 2023-XXX
INTRO: 06/15/2023**

**2023-XXX AMENDING THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, CHAPTER 241, ARTICLE III,
MULTIPLE-MEMBER APPOINTIVE ORGANIZATION, § 241-44.5 LAND
ACQUISITION AND PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

ORDERED: That the Administrative Code, Chapter 241, Article III, Multiple-Member Appointive Organization, § 241-44.5 Land Acquisition and Preservation Committee, is hereby amended as follows:

SECTION 1. By changing the name of the “Land Acquisition and Preservation Committee” wherever it so appears to the “Open Space Committee”.

SECTION 2. By deleting Section B in its entirety and inserting the following new Section B in its place:

“B. Authorities and responsibilities.

1. The Open Space Committee shall be responsible for keeping the Open Space and Recreation Plan and the open space section of the Local Comprehensive Plan updated and current.
2. The Open Space Committee shall review conservation restrictions and make recommendations for approval to the Town Council.
3. The Open Space Committee may recommend parcels of land available for purchase or protection (a) to the Community Preservation Committee; or (b) to the Town Manager, if the funding will be from non-Community Preservation Act funds; provided that in making such recommendations, the Open Space Committee shall use as a guideline local and regional open space plans, master plans and the Local Comprehensive Plan.
4. The Open Space Committee shall assist Town departments in the management of Land Bank lands acquired under the Land Bank Act in accordance with the Act and its provisions.
5. A member of the Open Space Committee shall serve as the Town’s representative on the Santuit Preserve Management Committee.
6. The Open Space Committee shall be responsible for implementing and promoting the approved Cape Cod Pathways Plan within the Town of Barnstable; including but not limited to promoting and advising on the Town’s Walking Library, which is accessible to the public online and details the various walks throughout the Town.

7. The Open Space Committee shall educate the public about open space issues through speakers at meetings of the Open Space Committee.
8. Nothing in this section shall be construed to alter or change the responsibilities of the Community Preservation Committee as prescribed by law.”

SPONSORS: Councilor Jessica Rapp Grassetto, Precinct 7; Councilor Kristine Clark, Precinct 11

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SUMMARY

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TO: Town Council
FROM: Councilor Jessica Rapp Grassetti; Councilor Kristine Clark
DATE: June 15, 2023
SUBJECT: Amending the Administrative Code, Chapter 241, Article III, Multiple-Member Appointive Organization, § 241-44.5 Land Acquisition and Preservation Committee

This proposed amendment to the Administrative Code changes the name of the Land Acquisition and Preservation Committee to more accurately reflect its mission. The Committee's origins are in the Town's previous Open Space Committee, which recommended to the Town Council and Town Manager acquisition of land and appropriation of Land Bank funds. When the Land Bank was replaced by the Community Preservation Act (CPA), the Town Council created the Land Acquisition and Preservation Committee to represent the Town's open space interests.

Although most of the remaining provisions remain the same, this amendment makes the following additional changes:

The current language in § 241-44.5 B (1)(a) and (b) reads as follows:

- (a) The Land Acquisition and Preservation Committee shall recommend to the Community Preservation Board parcels of land available for acquisition.
- (b) The Land Acquisition and Preservation Committee, in conjunction with the Town Manager and the Town Council, will leverage non-CPA funding for purchase of additional land.

This language has been replaced with the proposed language in B (3) which provides:

- (3) The Open Space Committee may recommend parcels of land available for purchase or protection (a) to the Community Preservation Committee; or (b) to the Town Manager, if the funding will be from non-Community Preservation Act funds; provided that in making such recommendations, the Open Space Committee shall use as a guideline local and regional open space plans, master plans and the Local Comprehensive Plan.

The proposed language in B (6) keeps existing language and adds the following new language: "including but not limited to promoting and advising on the Town's Walking Library, which is accessible to the public online and details the various walks throughout the Town."

The proposed B (7) is new and adds the following language: "The Open Space Committee shall educate the public about open space issues through speakers at meetings of the Open Space Committee."

FISCAL IMPACT: None