

## COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT COMMITTEE 2017 ANNUAL REPORT

### What is the Community Preservation Act (CPA) (M.G.L. Chapter 44B)?

- Dedicated funding for: Open Space, Historic, Affordable Housing, Recreation
- State revenue is collected from every real estate deed transfer in Massachusetts
- Local CPA funds are matched by the state revenues

### How has the State contributed to Sturbridge's CPA fund?

- Since 2002, Sturbridge has received **\$3,502,023.00.00** from the State
- In 2017, Sturbridge received **\$130,854.00** from the State (a **30.3% match**)

The Community Preservation Committee (CPC) presented the following six (6) articles to the voters at the June 5, 2017 Annual Town Meeting:

1. To see if the Town will vote to hear and act on the report of the Community Preservation Committee on the Fiscal Year 2018 CPA budget. **Article passed.**
2. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund Historic Preservation Fund Balance the sum of \$9,500.00 to be allocated for the purpose of conservation, rehabilitation and restoration of the historic North Cemetery and related administrative costs; or take any action relative thereto. **Article passed.**
3. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Historic Preservation Fund Balance the sum of \$20,000.00 to be allocated for the purpose of funding the Sturbridge Community Wide Historic Property Survey; or take any action relative thereto. **Article passed.**
4. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund Undesignated Fund Balance the sum of \$15,000.00 to be allocated for the purpose of operating and administrative expenses in FY 2018 for the CPC; or take any action relative thereto. **Article passed.**
5. To see if the Town will appropriate \$306,850.00, or any other amount, to pay costs of renovation/restoration of basketball and tennis courts at Cedar Lake, including the payment of costs incidental or related thereto, and to determine whether this amount shall be raised by taxation, borrowing, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provided, or take any other action relative thereto. **Article passed.**
6. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$850,000.00) to pay costs of acquiring, by gift, negotiated purchase or eminent domain a parcel of land of approximately 241.53 acres, more or less, owned by Debra E. Gardiner as described on Assessors Map 27 as Parcel 14 and Parcel 50. **Though the majority of the town supported the proposal, we fell short of the required 2/3rds vote and proposal #6 was defeated.**

### Summary

CPA projects and proposals can come from interested citizens, land owners, various committees and Town boards. Any project proposed to the CPC is given full recognition and is studied carefully. The CPC encourages all to attend our meetings, which are posted on the Town website.

**Respectfully Submitted,** Penny Dumas, Chairperson