

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE 2018 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 **\$3,670,052.00** from the State
- In 2018, Sturbridge received **\$168,029.00** from the State (**a 36.2% match**)

The Community Preservation Committee (CPC) presented the following articles to the voters at the Annual Town Meeting on Monday, June 4, 2018:

- 1) Community Preservation Fund Undesignated Fund Balance the sum of NINE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$9,500.00) to be allocated for the purpose of conservation, rehabilitation and restoration of the Old Burial Ground and North Cemetery and related administrative costs; or take any action relative thereto. -Passed
- 2) Community Preservation Open Space Fund Balance the sum of THIRTY THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$30,000.00) to be allocated general trail funds for the design, engineering, permitting, construction, material, and supplies to build and preserve trails, parking lots, related facilities and administrative costs on CPC purchased properties in the Town of Sturbridge for open space and recreational purposes; or take any action relative thereto. -Passed
- 3) Community Preservation Fund Historic Fund Balance the sum of FIFTEEN THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$15,000.00) to be allocated for weatherizing and installing storm windows for the purpose of conservation and rehabilitation of the historic Center Office Building; or take any other action relative thereto. -Passed
- 4) Community Preservation Fund Undesignated Fund Balance the sum of FIFTEEN THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$15,000.00) to be allocated for the purpose of operating and administrative expenses in FY 2019 for the Community Preservation Committee (CPC); or take any action relative thereto. -Passed

The Community Preservation Committee (CPC) presented the following articles to the voters at the Special Town Meeting October 29, 2018

- 1) Community Preservation Fund – Undesignated Fund Balance the sum of ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-SIX THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FORTY EIGHT AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$156,438.00) to be allocated for lighting on Town Barn Field for open space and recreational purposes; or take any action relative thereto. -Passed

- 2) Community Preservation Fund – Undesignated Fund Balance the sum of EIGHT THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FIFTY FIVE AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$8,355.00) to be allocated for the removal of a dilapidated outbuilding on the Plimpton Property for conservation, rehabilitation and restoration purposes; or take any action relative thereto.
Passed

The CPC welcomed Ed Neal as a new member. Ed Neal is the Housing Partnership delegate to the CPC and fills an important position which has been open for several years. With a newly appointed Housing Partnership, a CPC Housing Partnership delegate and a CPA Affordable Housing Fund balance of just under \$800,000.00 the CPC is confident that the town will have the opportunity to vote on important Housing proposals at future town meetings.

Summary

CPA projects and proposals can come from interested citizens, land owners, various committees and Town boards. Any proposal submitted to the CPC is given full recognition and is studied carefully. Proposals accepted by the CPC are brought forward to the Board of Selectmen, the Finance Committee and ultimately the Town Meeting voters. The CPC encourages all to attend our meetings, which are posted on the Town website.

Respectfully Submitted,

Penny Dumas, Chair
Ed Goodwin, Vice Chair
Heather Hart
Kadion Philips

Kelly Emrich, Clerk
Barbara Search
Ed Neal