

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT COMMITTEE 2016 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 **\$3,371,169.00.00** from the State
- In 2016, Sturbridge received **\$149,944.00** from the State (a **36.2% match**)

The Community Preservation Committee sponsored six articles at the Annual Town Meeting held on June 6, 2016. Projects 1-5 listed below were voted favorably:

1. Community Preservation Funds of \$25,000.00 for the purpose of conservation, rehabilitation and restoration of permanent historic records..
2. Community Preservation Funds the sum of \$9,500.00 for the purpose of conservation, rehabilitation and restoration of the historic North Cemetery and related administrative costs.
3. Community Preservation Historic Preservation Funds Balance the sum of \$20,000.00 to be allocated for the purpose of funding the Sturbridge Community Wide Historic Property Survey.
4. Community Preservation Open Space/Recreation Funds Balance the sum of \$20,000.00 to be allocated for the purpose of creating and/or restoring trails on the Plimpton Property and other sites in Sturbridge.
5. Community Preservation Funds the sum of \$15,000.00 to be allocated for the purpose of operating and administrative expenses in FY 2017 for the Community Preservation Committee.

Proposal #6 listed below was defeated

6. Community Preservation Committee would contribute \$1.0 million in borrowed CPA funds to contribute toward the costs of designing, reconstructing and equipping Town Barn Field (total project cost of \$6,300,000).

The Community Preservation Committee welcomes Barbara Search to the CPC, as our newest delegate from the Historic Commission.

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 at Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Edward Goodwin, Vice-Chair

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