

**COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
TOWN OF NEEDHAM, MASSACHUSETTS**

FY'05 Annual Report

Community Preservation Committee

Members:

Ron Ruth, Chairman
John Comando
Roy Cramer
Bruce Eisenhut
Cheryl Gosmon
Mary Ellen Herd
Paul Siegenthaler
Richard Weitzen
Cary Young

Appointed by:

Town Moderator
Board of Selectmen
Conservation Commission
Planning Board
Housing Authority
Board of Selectmen
Town Moderator
Park and Recreation Commission
Historical Commission

Purpose and Mission:

Massachusetts General Law (M.G.L.) Chapter 267 of the Acts of 2000, Section 2, defines community preservation as “the acquisition, creation and preservation of open space, the acquisition, creation and preservation of historic structures and landscapes and the creation and preservation of community housing.” The Community Preservation Committee is appointed to make recommendations for use of the Community Preservation Fund.

FY'05 Accomplishments and Activities

- Based on the vote at May 2004 Town Meeting to place the question on the ballot, the voters of Needham adopted the Community Preservation state legislation at the November 2, 2004 Presidential Election.
- May 2004 Town Meeting approved the Community Preservation By-Laws, pending the outcome of the November election.
- Appointments were made to the Community Preservation Committee as required in the By-Laws.
- The Committee began the process of creating the Community Preservation Plan and Application Process, expected to be completed in early FY'06.
- The Committee met with the Town Manager and representatives of the Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee and other town boards and organizations charged with the responsibilities relevant to open space/recreation, historic preservation, and community housing to better understand the Town's resources and needs relevant to Community Preservation.

- In May, 2005, the Needham Town Meeting appropriated \$1,150,000 for the first round of funding for community preservation based on anticipated Fiscal Year 2006 revenues from the CPA surcharge. The appropriation was distributed as follows:

Historic Resources Reserve	\$116,000
Community Housing Reserve	\$116,000
Open Space Reserve	\$116,000
Community Preservation Fund Annual Reserve	\$745,000
CPC Administrative and Operating Expenses	\$57,000