

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

**FY'09 Annual Report**

**Community Preservation Committee**

**Members:**

Paul Siegenthaler, Chairman  
Jane Howard, Vice Chairman  
Janet Bernardo  
Jack Cogswell  
John Comando  
Bruce Eisenhut  
Mark Gluesing  
Brian Nadler  
Sheila Pransky

**Appointed by:**

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

**Staff:**

Patricia Carey, Staff Liaison  
Nicole DiCicco, Recording Secretary

**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.” Needham voted to accept the legislation in November 2004. The Community Preservation Committee is appointed to make recommendations for use of the Community Preservation Fund.

**FY'09 Accomplishments and Activities**

- The Needham Community Preservation Fund received its state distribution of \$888,287 from the Commonwealth in October 2008, a 67.62% match to Needham’s surcharge. It was also announced that the next annual distribution would be made in October 2009 but would be a 35% match.
- The Committee met with representatives of the Community Preservation Coalition to get guidance on determining the percentage of funding for the historic preservation of Town Hall.
- The Committee held a public meeting in March, 2009, to gather public input on the proposals under review for funding.

- At the May, 2009 Annual Town Meeting, the Committee recommended and Town Meeting approved the funding of the following proposals:

\$18,155,746	Selectmen/Town Manager	Town Hall Historic Preservation
\$ 25,000	Town Manager	Affordable Housing Consulting Assistance
\$ 25,000	Town Manager	Easement Research
\$ 25,000	Charles River ARC	Group Home Energy Improvements
\$ 25,000	Housing Authority	High Rock Homes
\$ 50,000	Conservation Commission	Transfer to Conservation Fund

- According to the Community Preservation Coalition, the funding and bonding of the Town Hall project is the largest bonded project in the history of CPA in Massachusetts.
- In addition to funding the proposals, and as required by the state legislation, funds were spent or put in reserve for Historic Resources, Community Housing, and Open Space. Remaining funds, totaling \$529,880, were placed in the Annual Reserve, for future projects in those categories or Recreation. Five percent of the revenue was put into the CPA Administrative budget.

### Statistics

- The Community Preservation Fund has provided financial support to eighteen projects, with a total of \$20,070,446.

Affordable Housing total	\$ 574,500
Open Space total	\$ 223,200
Historic Preservation total	\$ 19,230,746
Recreation total	\$ 42,000