

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

**FY'11 Annual Report**

**Community Preservation Committee**

**Members:**

Mark Gluesing, Chairman  
Janet Bernardo, Vice Chair  
Carol Boulris  
Bruce Eisenhut  
Reg Foster  
Jane Howard  
Mike Retzky  
Lita Young  
To Be Named

**Appointed by:**

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

**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'11 Accomplishments and Activities**

- The Needham Community Preservation Fund received its state distribution of \$401,199 from the Commonwealth in October 2010, a 27.20% match, down from last year's 34.81% match to Needham's surcharge.
- The Committee met, last year, with the Community Preservation Coalition to discuss proposed changes to the state CPA legislation. The legislation was re-filed for the new legislative session and the CPC will continue to support the revisions.
- The Committee held a public hearing in January, 2010, to gather public input on the revisions to the Needham Community Preservation Plan. The revised Plan was approved in January, 2010.
- The Committee held a public meeting in March, 2011, to gather public input on the proposals under review for funding.

- At the May, 2011 Annual Town Meeting, the Committee recommended and Town Meeting approved the funding of the following proposals:

\$ 50,000	Housing Authority	Feasibility Study for Redevelopment
\$ 7,500	Town Manager	Preservation of Historic Documents
\$ 80,000	Charles River ARC	Group Home Energy Improvements

- In addition to funding the proposals at the Annual Town Meeting, 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 \$1,131,200 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 twenty six (26) projects, with a total of \$18,254,433.

Community Housing total	\$ 1,094,500
Open Space total	\$ 1,158,200
Historic Preservation total	\$ 15,169,233
Recreation total	\$ 832,500