

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

FY'12 Annual Report

Community Preservation Committee

Members:

Mark Gluesing, Chairman
Janet Bernardo, Vice Chair
Carol Boulris
Gary Crossen
Reg Foster
Mike Retzky
Paul Siegenthaler
Sam Bass Warner
Lita Young

Appointed by:

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

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'12 Accomplishments and Activities

- The Needham Community Preservation Fund received its state distribution of \$417,271 from the Commonwealth in October 2011, a 26.64% match. The percentage was slightly lower than the prior year, but the actual amount of the distribution was about \$16,000 higher than the prior year.
- The Committee continues to support the proposed changes to the state CPA legislation, supported by the MA Community Preservation Coalition. The proposed changes have been supported by legislative committees, and are expected to be approved in Summer 2012.
- The Committee held a public meeting in March, 2012, to gather public input on the proposals under review for funding.

- At the May, 2012 Annual Town Meeting, the Committee recommended and Town Meeting approved the funding of the following proposals:

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| \$ 25,000 | Historical Society | Historic Artifact Storage/Catalogue |
| \$ 25,000 | Historic Commission | Heritage Project |
| \$ 30,000 | Town Clerk | Vital Records Preservation |

- 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 \$1,023,160 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 nine (29) projects, with a total of \$18,577,433.

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| Community Housing total | \$ 1,094,500 |
| Open Space total | \$ 1,158,200 |
| Historic Preservation total | \$ 15,492,233 |
| Recreation total | \$ 832,500 |