

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
NEEDHAM, MASSACHUSETTS
VOTED WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2006**

APPROPRIATE FOR CPA/PRE-DEVELOPMENT OF HIGH ROCK ESTATES

To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or transfer and appropriate the sum of \$324,500 for the permits, design development and pre-closing costs associated with the construction of the High Rock Estates, to be spent under the direction of the Town Manager and raised from Community Preservation Receipts; or take other action relative hereto.

Approved \$324,500 from Community Housing

Brief Explanation: Some preliminary work began with funding from Federal HOME funds; after this CPA-funded portion of the project is done there will be many sources of funding sought and utilized to construct the homes, including Mass Housing Partnership, Affordable Housing Trust Fund, and State Department of Housing and Community Development.

Concept: take down 20 of the WWII era small homes owned by the Needham Housing Authority, located on large lots, and replace with 20 duplexes. Ten (10) of the duplexes will remain as part of the Housing Authority public housing rental inventory (equivalent of 20 homes) and 10 duplexes will be sold as affordable homes (20 units.) The homeowners will need to qualify for mortgages, and most units will be sold to buyers whose incomes are less than 80% of the area median income.

APPROPRIATE FOR CPA/HERITAGE PROJECT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or transfer and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 for a Master Plan for Historic Structures, to be spent under the direction of the Town Manager and raised from Community Preservation Receipts; or take other action relative hereto.

Approved \$25,000 from Historic Preservation

Brief Explanation: Accurately map Needham's historic structures, identify additions to the historic inventory, and identify grants, tax incentives and deed restrictions. To be spent by the Needham Historical Commission.

APPROPRIATE FOR CPA/COMPREHENSIVE TRAILS PLANNING PROGRAM

To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or transfer and appropriate the sum of \$85,000 for a Master Plan for Trails, to be spent under the direction of the Town Manager and raised from Community Preservation Receipts; or take other action relative hereto.

The Community Preservation Committee and the proponent (Conservation Commission) amended the request to \$47,700 just prior to the Town Meeting vote.

Approved \$47,700 from Open Space Preservation.

Brief Explanation: Under the direction of the Conservation Commission, create a comprehensive plan for improving the condition and utilization of existing walking trails; provide a detailed program for expanding the existing trail network and develop walking connections between parcels of town-owned land.

APPROPRIATE FOR CPA/FOOTBRIDGE RESTORATION

To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or transfer and appropriate the sum of \$58,000 to rebuild two trail footbridges at Ridge Hill Reservation, to be spent under the direction of the Town Manager and raised from Community Preservation Receipts; or take other action relative hereto.

Approved \$58,000 from Open Space Preservation.

Brief Explanation: Under the direction of the Conservation Commission, design and build two pedestrian bridges located at Ridge Hill Reservation, replacing the existing bridges that are beyond repair and are unsafe. The bridges keep pedestrians on the path, and prevent damage to surrounding natural resources.
