

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

FY'18 Annual Report

Community Preservation Committee

Members:

Gary Crossen, Chairman
Paul Alpert, Vice Chair
Robert Boder
Artie Crocker
Robert Dermody
Chris Gerstel
Peter Pingitore
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Appointed by:

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

Staff:

Patricia Carey, Staff Liaison
Carys Lustig, Staff Liaison
Kristen Wright, 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'18 Accomplishments and Activities

- The Needham Community Preservation Fund received its state distribution of \$368,739 from the Commonwealth in December 2017, a 17.2% match. The percentage from the state has varied from a low of 17.2% to a high of 100%. In total, \$8,000,098 has been received from the state as of December 2017. There is legislation reviewing how the state funds the Community Preservation Fund, especially in light of the addition of new communities, including the City of Boston.
- The Town collected \$2,305,064 in FY'18 through the local surcharge.
- The Committee held a public hearing in March 2018 to gather public input on the proposals under review for funding.
- At May, 2018 Annual Town Meeting, the Committee recommended and Town Meeting approved the funding of the following proposals:

\$ 1,550,000	DPW	Construction: Rosemary Sediment Removal
\$ 50,000	Park and Recreation	Construction: Camp Property Buildings
\$ 25,000	History Center/Museum	Historic Database
\$ 500,000	Town Manager	Memorial Park Building

- 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 Community Housing and Open Space. The debt service for Town Hall is also paid through CPA funds, meeting the obligation for spending under Historic Resources. Remaining funds, totaling \$1,025,153 were placed in the Annual Reserve, for future projects in those categories or Recreation. Approximately, five percent of the revenue was put into the CPA Administrative budget.

Statistics

- The Community Preservation Fund has provided financial support to sixty-six (66) projects, with a total of \$40,506,352.

Community Housing total	\$ 1,444,500
Open Space total	\$ 2,594,619
Historic Preservation total	\$ 15,301,733
General and Recreation total	\$ 21,165,500