

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

**FY'20 Annual Report**

**Community Preservation Committee**

**Members:**

Peter Pingitore, Chair  
Artie Crocker, Vice Chair  
Paul Alpert  
Robert Boder  
Robert Dermody  
Joseph Barnes  
Chris Gerstel  
Rick Zimbone  
Penny Kirk

**Appointed by:**

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

**Staff:**

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 '20 Accomplishments and Activities**

- Like many other items in March 2020, the Community Preservation’s Committees (CPCs) work went remote.
- The committee had to postpone its initial public hearing on March 11, 2020 due to the emergence of coronavirus in the community.
- Per request of the Town to ensure a quick and timely Annual Town Meeting, the committee voted to defer its FY 21 requests to the Fall Town Meeting.
- The Needham Community Preservation fund received its state distribution of \$348,287 from the Commonwealth in November 2019 and then a supplemental amount was received in January 2020 when CPA communities received additional funding from the state from the state budget surplus fund in the amount of \$244,092 which is a 23.9% match.
- The Town collected \$2,646,000 in FY'20 through the local surcharge.

- In July 2019 legislation was recently passed that provides for an increase in fees that go towards the Community Preservation Trust Fund, which should help to stabilize the match moving forward.