

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

FY'21 Annual Report

Community Preservation Committee

Members:

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

Appointed by:

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

Staff:

Cecilia Simchak, Staff Liaison
Kristen Wright, Recording Secretary

The Community Preservation Committee is appointed to make recommendations for use of the Community Preservation Fund. 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.

In FY21, the Community Preservation conducted the following activities:

- Throughout FY21 the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) remained remote to conduct all CPC business and all meetings were made available on the Town’s YouTube channel.
- All applications that were originally submitted for the Annual Town Meeting of 2020 were postponed for funding consideration until the Special Town Meeting held in October 2020.
- A public hearing was held on September 8, 2020 via Zoom.
- The Needham Community Preservation fund received its state distribution of \$754,080 from the Commonwealth in November 2020 which is a 28.63% match to local collection.
- The Town collected \$2,837,768 in FY’21 through the local surcharge.
- At the October 2020 Special Town Meeting the following projects were funded utilizing CPA funding:
 - Fund the Emergency Rental Assistance Program in the amount of \$120,000
 - Preserve and Restore the First Baptist Church in the amount of \$90,200
 - Preserve the First Parish Church steeple in the amount of \$50,000
 - Fund the Needham Community Farm Growing Bed Expansion in the amount of \$6,200
 - Fund the Design of Claxton Field Lights & Diamond Skin Renovation in the amount of \$101,500

- At the May 2021 Special Town Meeting the following projects were funded utilizing CPA funding:
 - Preservation of Town Marriage Records in the amount of \$25,000
 - Construction of the Fisher Street Trailhead in the amount of \$15,000
 - Resurface the DeFazio Track in the amount of
 - Design for McLeod Field Renovation in the amount of
 - Design for Trail Identification in the amount of \$6,000
 - Design for Reservoir Sediment Removal in the amount of \$262,000
 - Increase the Community Housing Fund from a 11% appropriation to a 22% appropriate for an additional appropriation of \$11,935