

Community Preservation Committee Annual Report

The Community Preservation Committee meets monthly at Town Hall and is comprised of a combination of at-large members and members appointed by certain existing Boards and Committees in Town. In the three years since the adoption of the CPA by the voters in Norfolk, we have collected almost \$1.5 million in funds, with almost 50% of that sum coming from State matching funds. As of the end of the current fiscal year, we anticipate a balance in excess of \$1.8 million, with some of those funds earmarked for projects currently under review. To date, we have spent or allocated over \$200,000 for projects in the Town that fall under our legislated priorities including recreation, affordable housing and historic preservation.

Our knowledgeable and dedicated committee includes:

At large members:

Paul Terrio Chairman
Richard Connors
Cindy Andrade
Kevin Hughes

Board and Committee Appointees

Andrea Langhauser – Planning Board
Betsy Pyne – Historical Commission
Tom Terpstra – Recreation Commission
Scott Dittrich – Housing Authority
Jeff Kane – Conservation Commission

Administrative Assistant – Michele Thorner

During the past year, the Community Preservation Committee has been reviewing funding applications and working with various groups in Town to identify opportunities to expend the CPA funds for projects that are consistent with the mission of the CPA and will have long term benefits for the Town of Norfolk. Some highlights of the year's activities are as follows:

- Completed funding for the shade structure at the Pond Street Recreation complex which represents a significant addition to the potential uses of that facility.

- Launched a review of the Norfolk Airport property, completed an appraisal, and met with the owners to discuss acquisition options.
- Contacted the owners of several other parcels of land in town representing over 100 acres of open space, in order to begin the process to explore conservation and acquisition options.
- Funded the first comprehensive review of the Town's Historical assets under the overview of the Historical Commission
- Renewed our commitment to affordable housing by continuing to offer the Down payment Assistance program
- Assisted with the development and review of an Open Space Plan for the Town
- Worked with several private groups and individuals in town to discuss preservation of some of Norfolk's most prominent historical buildings.

We encourage people to get involved with our committee and to bring ideas to us for possible projects. We appreciate the support of the Town of Norfolk and look forward to continuing our efforts in 2005.

- Kevin Hughes, Chairman