

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 Commissions in Town. In the five years since the adoption of the CPA by the voters in Norfolk, we have collected **more than \$3 million** in funds, with 50% of that sum coming from State matching funds. As of the end of December 2006, we have a balance of **nearly \$800,000**, exclusive of the funds earmarked for projects already approved. To date, we have spent or allocated **about \$1.25 million** for projects in the Town that fall under our legislated priorities including open space and recreation, affordable housing, and historic preservation.

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 that will have long-term benefits for the Town of Norfolk. Some highlights of the year's activities are as follows:

- After a review of the merits of the Weeber property, off Chicatabut Avenue and Churchill Road, and adjacent to Jane & Paul's Farm, the CPC brought the proposed purchase to Town Meeting on January 31, 2006. The town voted to acquire the 28.5-acre parcel.
- The Historical Commission received the final report on Norfolk's historic properties titled, "Communitywide Comprehensive Historic Properties Survey," which was funded with CPA monies. A copy of the survey is available for viewing in the Norfolk Library. **(Betsy???)**
- CPA funding assisted a Norfolk Boy Scout in completing his Eagle Scout project – the repair and painting of the exterior of the historic Tramp House.
- At the May Town Meeting, voters approved CPA expenditures for the

facilities and historic renovation of the Grange Hall.

- May Town Meeting voters also approved CPA expenditures for the revitalization of Town Pond for use as a swimming, **fishing and outdoor recreation activities.....**
- Renewed our commitment to affordable housing by continuing to offer the Down Payment Assistance program.
- Had discussions with owners of several parcels of land in Norfolk, initiating the process of exploring conservation and acquisition options.
- The restoration of the interior of the old schoolhouse within the new library, which was previously funded, is ongoing.

Please visit www.virtualnorfolk.org and view our meeting schedule along with our downloadable forms for projects and applications.

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 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

Community Preservation Committee

At large members:

Paul Terrio, Chairman - Precinct 1
Kevin Hughes - Precinct 2
Cyndi Andrade - Precinct 3
Richard Connors - Precinct 4

Board and commission appointees

Andrea Langhauser - Planning Board
Betsy Pyne - Historical Commission
Tom Terpstra - Recreation Commission
Scott Dittrich - Housing Authority
Jason Talerma - Conservation Commission

Administrative Assistant - Michele Thoener

Do you want to mention the Highland lake study along with Stahl property for 2007 consideration?