

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 representing certain existing Boards and Commissions in Town. In the six years since the adoption of the CPA by the voters in Norfolk, we have collected more than \$4.3 million in funds, with 50% of that sum coming from State matching funds. As of the end of December 2007, we have an unencumbered balance of nearly \$1.6 million, exclusive of the funds earmarked for projects already approved. To date, the CPC has spent or allocated approximately \$2.7 million for projects within the Town of Norfolk. These projects fall under our mandated priorities: open space and recreation, affordable housing, and historic preservation.

During the past year, the Community Preservation Committee has reviewed funding applications and worked with various groups in Town to identify opportunities to expend 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:

- During the year, the Affordable Housing Assistance Program (previously the Down Payment Assistance Program) awarded \$33,722.00 to two grant applicants.
- CPA funds assisted the Town Clerk's Office with the Restoration of Vital Records (birth, death, marriage certificates) dating to 1870, the year the Town of Norfolk became incorporated.
- The committee participated in updating Norfolk's Master Plan, which was accepted at Fall Town Meeting. The CPC accepted the goals of that plan as its own.
- Three members attended the Community Preservation Coalition Conference, for the purpose of bolstering their knowledge of CPA Issues and procedures.

- Became a member of the Community Preservation Coalition for calendar year 2007.
- Had discussions with several landowners in Norfolk, initiating the process of exploring conservation and acquisition options.
- After a review of the merits of the Highland Lake property, the CPC brought the proposed purchase to Town Meeting, which voted to acquire the 44.8-acre parcel for \$525,000, exclusive of closing costs. The property is located at Main Street and King Philip Trail.
- The Community Preservation Committee is overseeing several previously funded projects that are ongoing, including the Norfolk Grange and Town Pond.
- The CPC is negotiating the purchase of 35 Rockwood Road as a potential affordable housing site.

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

We encourage people to get involved with the CPC and to bring us ideas of possible projects. We appreciate the support of the Town of Norfolk and look forward to continuing our efforts in 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

Community Preservation Committee

Board and Commission Appointees:

Andrea Langhauser, Chair – Planning Board
Betsy Pyne, Co-Chair – Historical Comm.
Tom Terpstra – Recreation Commission
Scott Dittrich – Housing Authority
David Lutes – Conservation Commission

At large members:

Paul Terrio – Precinct 1
Kevin Hughes – Precinct 2
Cyndi Andrade – Clerk, Precinct 3
Richard Connors – Precinct 4

