

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 Norfolk. In the eight years since the adoption of the CPA by the voters in Norfolk, we have collected about \$5.5 million in funds, with nearly 50% of that sum coming from State matching funds. As of the end of December 2009, we have an unencumbered balance of nearly \$3.1 million, exclusive of the funds earmarked for projects already approved. To date, the CPC has spent or allocated approximately \$2.3 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:

- At the spring Town Meeting, voters approved the expenditure of \$10,000 for the rehabilitation and restoration of the Pondville Cemetery on Everett Street.
- Town Meeting also voted to appropriate \$53,900 to rehabilitate the stone wall and sign at the Norfolk Cemetery on Main Street.
- Town Meeting voters approved the allocation of \$30,000 to fund a recreation feasibility study and conceptual drawings for public use of the area at the old town dump and adjacent town-owned woodlands. The Committee received proposals, interviewed applicants, and hired Beals and Thomas, Inc. to create a Vision Plan.
- CPA monies were also approved by Town Meeting to fund professional

assistance in the preparation of National Register applications for two areas in Norfolk.

- The proposed purchase of a parcel on Campbell Street that will provide trailhead parking for the Highland Lake property is moving forward.
- The CPC updated its Strategic Annual Work Plan for the July 1, 2009 to December 31, 2010 time period.
- After some lengthy initial delays, the CPA-funded Norfolk Grange historic restoration project is well underway. Many of the necessary steps were completed over the year (including septic design and approval and construction drawings) that will allow interior and exterior renovations to begin this spring.
- The Norfolk Library's Schoolhouse Renovation, funded by CPA monies, was completed.
- The CPC has been involved in discussions regarding the development of the Fales Memorial Park at Highland Lake (acquired with CPA funds).
- CPC was a member of the Community Preservation Coalition for calendar year 2009.

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 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Community Preservation Committee