

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

FY'17 Annual Report

Community Preservation Committee

Members:

Gary Crossen, Chairman
Mark Gluesing, Vice Chair
Paul Alpert
Robert Boder
Artie Crocker
Bob Dermody
Chris Gerstel
Peter Pingitore
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Appointed by:

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

Staff:

Patricia Carey, Staff Liaison
Kristen Wright, Recording Secretary

Purpose and Mission:

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

FY'17 Accomplishments and Activities

- The Needham Community Preservation Fund received its state distribution of \$417,108 from the Commonwealth in December 2016, a 20.58% match. The percentage from the state has varied from a low of 20.58% to a high of 100%. In total, \$7,631,362 has been received from the state as of December 2016. There is legislation reviewing how the state funds the Community Preservation Fund, especially in light of the addition of new communities, including the City of Boston.
- The Town collected \$2,136,893 in FY'17 through the local surcharge.
- The Committee held a public hearing in March 2017 to gather public input on the proposals under review for funding.
- At May, 2017 Annual Town Meeting, the Committee recommended and Town Meeting approved the funding of the following proposals:

\$ 860,000	Town Manager	Construction: Reservoir Accessible Trail
\$ 210,000	School Department	Construction: Williams School Trail
\$ 35,000	DPW	Design: Field Renovation at Cricket Field
\$ 4,000,000	Park and Recreation	Rosemary Recreation Complex
\$ 8,000,000	Park and Recreation	Debt: Rosemary Recreation Complex

- In addition to funding the proposals at the Annual Town Meeting, and as required by the state legislation, funds were spent or put in reserve for Community Housing and Open Space. The debt service for Town Hall is also paid through CPA funds, meeting the obligation for spending under Historic Resources. Remaining funds, totaling \$341,831 were placed in the Annual Reserve, for future projects in those categories or Recreation. Approximately, five percent of the revenue was put into the CPA Administrative budget.

Statistics

- The Community Preservation Fund has provided financial support to sixty (60) projects, with a total of \$37,531,352.

Community Housing total	\$ 1,444,500
Open Space total	\$ 2,084,619
Historic Preservation total	\$ 15,301,733
General and Recreation total	\$ 18,700,500