

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

FY'14 Annual Report

Community Preservation Committee

Members:

Lita Young, Chairman
Gary Crossen, Vice Chair
Robert Boder
Reg Foster
Mark Gluesing
Peter Oehlkers
Mike Retzky
Sam Bass Warner
To be named

Appointed by:

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

Staff:

Patricia Carey, Staff Liaison

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'14 Accomplishments and Activities

- The Needham Community Preservation Fund received its state distribution of \$886,498 from the Commonwealth in December 2013, a 52.23% match. The percentage was higher than prior years, due to an additional sum added to the State CPA Fund by the legislator at the conclusion of FY'12. The Town collected \$1,799,135 through the local surcharge.
- The Committee held public hearings October, 2013 and in March, 2014, to gather public input on the proposals under review for funding; as well as to provide input towards the updates to the Needham Community Preservation Plan.
- At the November, 2013 Special Town Meeting, and the May, 2014 Annual Town Meeting, the Committee recommended and Town Meeting approved the funding of the following proposals:

\$ 52,500 Town Clerk

Vital Records Preservation

\$ 35,000	Town Manager	Design: Memorial Park Improvements
\$ 45,000	Town Manager	Rail Trail Insurance
\$ 20,000	Town Manager	Design: Town Common Preservation
\$ 213,219	Conservation Commission	Ridge Hill Boardwalk

- 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 \$1,272,117 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.
- After a year of review, and public input, the Needham Community Preservation Committee's Plan was updated.

Statistics

- The Community Preservation Fund has provided financial support to forty-four (44) projects, with a total of \$19,936,352.

Community Housing total	\$ 1,384,500
Open Space total	\$ 2,074,619
Historic Preservation total	\$ 15,301,733
Recreation total	\$ 1,175,500