

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

**FY'08 Annual Report**

**Community Preservation Committee**

**Members:**

Paul Siegenthaler, Chairman  
Jane Howard, Vice Chairman  
Janet Bernardo  
John Comando  
Bruce Eisenhut  
Brian Nadler  
Sheila Pransky  
Sandra Tobin  
TBD

**Appointed by:**

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

**Staff:**

Patricia Carey, Staff Liaison  
Nikki Witham, 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'08 Accomplishments and Activities**

- The Needham Community Preservation Fund received its second state match of \$1,253,524 from the Commonwealth in October 2007, a 100% match to Needham's surcharge. It was also announced that the next annual match would be made in October 2008 but would be a 67% match.
- The Committee met with representatives of the Community Preservation Coalition to get guidance on determining eligibility and bonding for the anticipated request for the renovation of Town Hall.
- The Committee held a public meeting in April, 2008, to gather public input on the proposals under review for funding.
- At the May, 2008 Annual Town Meeting, the Committee recommended and Town Meeting approved the funding of three proposals:

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| \$1,000,000 | Selectmen/Town Manager  | Town Hall Design              |
| \$ 25,000   | Conservation Commission | Transfer to Conservation Fund |
| \$ 5,500    | Conservation Commission | Preservation of Trails        |

- In addition to funding the proposals, Town Meeting also appropriated \$2,290,000 for the fourth round of funding for community preservation based on anticipated Fiscal Year 2009 revenues from the CPA surcharge. As required by the state legislation, funds were spent or put in reserve for Historic Resources, Community Housing, and Open Space. Remaining funds were placed in the Annual Reserve, for future projects in those categories or Recreation. Five percent of the revenue was put into the CPA Administrative budget.

### **Statistics**

- The Community Preservation Fund has provided financial support to twelve projects, with a total of \$1,764,700.

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|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Affordable Housing total    | \$ 499,500   |
| Open Space total            | \$ 148,200   |
| Historic Preservation total | \$ 1,075,000 |
| Recreation total            | \$ 42,000    |