

Community Preservation Committee

2016 Annual Town Meeting Report

CPA (MGL Chapter 44B):

- Helps communities preserve and protect open space and historic resources, create and support affordable housing, and develop outdoor recreational opportunities
- Creates local CPA Trust Fund
- Incoming monies must be set-aside into distinct accounts
- 160 communities (45% of municipalities) have adopted CPA
- Ashland passed CPA in May 2002 at a 3% surcharge and has collected more than \$14 Million in total (\$5,465,973 from state match)

Role of the CPC:

- To study the needs, possibilities and resources of the town regarding community preservation
- Be a funding source for community-based projects
- Support community goals
- Encourage public participation throughout the process

CPA Allowable Uses Chart

	Open Space	Historic	Recreation	Housing
Acquire	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Create	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Preserve	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Support	No	No	No	Yes
Rehabilitate and/or Restore	Yes – if acquired or created w/CPA \$\$	Yes	Yes	Yes – if acquired or created w/ CPA \$\$

Your Community Preservation Committee:

- Citizen At Large
- Conservation Commission
- Historical Commission
- Housing Authority
- Open Space & Recreation Committee
- Planning Board
- Affordable Housing Committee (Disbanded)

A Warrant Article seeking a Bylaw change to amend the membership will be heard this evening

Most Recently Approved Projects:

Historic	Housing	Open Space and Recreation
Restoration of the Simpson- Jones Family Burying Ground on Union Street	Replace doors at Ashland Housing Authority; Transfer \$450,000 to Housing Trust	Creation of recreational assets at Mindess, Middle School and Stone Park (Seeking an Extension)

Financial Data:

- Revenues (FY = July 1 thru June 30):

Year	Local Surcharge	State Match	Totals
FY15	\$804,546	\$307,361 (38.20%)	\$1,111,907
FY16 Est.	\$828,683	\$302,282 (37.7%)	\$1,130,965

Account Balances:

	General	Open Space	Historic	Housing	Totals
FY16 Estimated Balances	\$1,150,704	\$258,809	\$273,637	\$992,604 (\$450k not transferred out yet)	\$2,675,755

CPA Consent Article 9:

- Contains 5 separate routine CPA financial articles to be voted on as one
- CPC Recommends support of article
 - Adjusts FY16 appropriation to accept higher state match of 38.20%
 - Annual Receipt set-asides into Reserve Accounts
 - Three Annual Bond Payments

Consent Article, Part 1: Adjust FY16 Appropriations to accept higher state match

General	Open Space	Historic	Housing
\$215,153 (70%)	\$30,736 (10%)	\$30,736 (10%)	\$30,736 (10%)

Consent Article, Part 2: FY17 Annual Appropriations

10% Reserves: Historic	10% Reserves: Housing	10% Reserves: Open Space	70% Reserves: General
\$108,005	\$108,005	\$108,005	\$756,040
5% Admin Set-Aside \$54,003			

Consent Article, Parts 3, 4 & 5: 2017 Annual Bond Commitments

Oak Street - Town Forest	H.S. Athletic Fields	Warren Woods	Total
\$200,112	\$358,050	\$181,875	\$740,037
20 Year Bond for \$2.8 M, retires in 2028	15 Year Bond for \$4.2 M, retires in 2027	20 Year Bond for \$2.5 M, retires in 2032	

Warrant Article 10:

- Improvements to the Ashland Cemetery (located behind the Main Street Federated Church)
- Up to \$15,000 to restore damaged gravestones
- Installation of signage
- Proposed by the Historical Commission

Warrant Article 11:

- Fabrication and Installation of unique way-finding historic street signs downtown
- Proposed by Ashland Downtown Collaborative
- Funding of \$12,000

Warrant Article 12:

- Extension of sunset date for one additional year
- Field improvements and Development of recreational assets at Mindess, Middle School & Stone Park
- Monies already approved in 2014
- All projects have not yet been completed
- Proposed by School Committee, School Superintendent & Facilities Director

Warrant Article 13:

- Amend the CPA Bylaw to accommodate change in membership
- More closely follows other CPA Bylaws
- Provides greater opportunity for participation from community
- Increases members from 7 to 9
- Five slots per CPA statute
- Four At Large slots appointed by BOS
- Extends member terms from 1 to 3 years

THANK YOU, ASHLAND!

**CPA FUNDS
AT WORK**

***PRESERVING AND
ENHANCING OUR COMMUNITY***



**Project Funding From The Citizens
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