

Community Preservation Committee

2015 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.
- 158 communities (45% of municipalities) have adopted CPA.
- Ashland passed CPA in May 2002 at a 3% surcharge and has collected more than \$13 Million (\$5,163,691 from state match).

Your Community Preservation Committee:

- Tim Connors – Citizen at Large
- John Dudley – Planning Board
- Michaela Eldridge – Housing Authority
- Steve Greenberg – Affordable Housing
- Beth Rosenblum – Open Space & Rec
- Cathy Van Lancker – Conservation Comm
- Elizabeth Whitham – Historical Comm

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 \$\$

Recently Approved Projects:

Historic	Housing	Open Space and Recreation
Restoration of the Simpson-Jones Family Burying Ground on Union Street	Replace the outer access doors at 59 Park Road, Ashland Housing Authority	Improvements to and creation of recreational assets at Mindess, Middle School and Stone Park

Financial Data:

○ Revenues:

Year	Local Surcharge	State Match	Totals
2014	\$764,610	\$489,834	\$1,254,444
2015 Est.	\$787,548	\$307,361	\$1,094,909

2016 Annual Bond Commitments:

Oak Street -Town Forest	H.S. Athletic Fields	Warren Woods	Total
\$205,625	\$363,650	\$186,875	\$756,150
20 Year Bond issued in 2008 for \$2.8 Mil	15 Year Bond issued in 2011 for \$4.2 Mil	20 Year Bond issued in 2012 for \$2.5 Mil	

Account Balances:

	General	Open Space	Historic	Housing	Totals
2015 Estimated Balances	\$908,424	\$184,740	\$205,024	\$962,821	\$2,261,010

Warrant Article 15:

- New format for certain Town Meeting CPA Articles
- “Consent Article”
- Contains five (5) routine annual funding appropriations and bond payments into one article
- CPC recommends support of article as written in the warrant

Soon to be seen around town:

CPA FUNDS AT WORK

***PRESERVING AND
ENHANCING OUR COMMUNITY***



**Project Funding From The Citizens
of Ashland Through the Community
Preservation Act**