

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Town of Dennis

Chapter 44B and Section 298 of Chapter 149 of the Acts of 2004 were adopted by the voters at the Special Town Meeting on September 21, 2004 and by the voters at the Annual Town Election on May 10, 2005.

The composition of the committee members is as follows:

One member of the Conservation Commission

One member of the Historical Commission

One member of the Planning Board

One member of the Board of Selectmen acting as the Board of Park Commissioners

One member of the Housing Authority and

Four individuals appointed by the Board of Selectmen

Duties of the CPA Committee

- Shall study the needs, possibilities and resources of the Town regarding community preservation
- Shall consult with existing municipal boards
- Shall hold at least one annual public information hearing on the needs, possibilities and resources of the Town regarding community preservation

- Shall make recommendations to the Town Meeting for the:
 - acquisition, creation and preservation of **open space**
 - acquisition and preservation of **historic resources**
 - acquisition , creation and preservation of **land for recreational use**
 - creation, preservation and support of **community housing**
 - **rehabilitation or restoration** of such open space, historic resources, land for recreational use and community housing that is **acquired with CPA funds**

Funding Requirements

- CPA Committee must recommend that 10% of the annual revenues for the Community Preservation Fund be spent or set aside for each of the following:
 - Open Space (not including land for recreational use)
 - Historic Resources
 - Community Housing

CPA Budget – Continued.....

- Estimated Expenditures:
 - Less Existing Land Bank Debt = \$791,375
 - The 10% allocations are then budgeted (est.)
 - \$140,789 for open space
 - \$140,789 for historic resources
 - \$140,789 for community housing
 - Appropriate an amount for Committee expenses - \$25,000 (est.)
 - Estimated Balance set aside for future = \$169,147

Community Preservation FY 2009 Tentative Budget

CPC FY 2009 Budgeted Revenues

	3% from Levy	861,544
State @ 65% match on prior year's collections		546,345
	Total Estimated Revenue:	1,407,889
	Less Debt Service	-791,375
	Available for appropriation:	616,514

Appropriation for Committee Expenses: -25,000

	Available for any CPC purpose	Open Space	Historic	Community Housing	Total All CPA Fund Balances
Estimated Balances Brought Forward:	251,788	130,138	8,923	19,118	409,966
FY 2009 Budgeted Revenues:	169,147	140,789	140,789	140,789	591,514
Available for Appropriation by CPA purpose:	420,935	270,927	149,712	159,907	1,001,480

CPA Committee 2008

Grant Application Schedule

- **March 18**
 - Public Hearing – Grant applications available at Reception and downloadable from CPA webpage at www.town.dennis.ma.us
- **May 6 – Town Meeting**
 - Committee's report and budget proposal
- **May 9**
 - Application deadline, 4:00 pm at Town Hall
- **May 15**
 - Committee Meeting – 1st cuts, if any, and adopt interview schedule with applicants

Grant Application Schedule Continued....

- **July 17**
 - Committee makes tentative decisions on all applications
- **July 31**
 - Committee makes final decisions on all applications
- **August**
 - Report Committee's recommendations to Town Administrator
- **Fall 2008 – Special Town Meeting**
 - Voters to act on CPA Committee grant recommendations

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Dennis citizens can advise the CPA Committee on the needs, possibilities and resources of the community for community preservation
- Dennis voters act on the recommendations made by the CPA Committee at the Town Meeting

Follow Up

- Community Preservation Act Committee
 - Assigns a liaison to each of the approved projects to facilitate communications and to monitor progress of the project
 - Authorizes release of funding in accordance with the grant agreement and contracts
 - Secures appropriate deed restrictions in accordance with the Act