



Town of Dennis Community Preservation Committee

Public Hearing
March 18, 2025

The Town of Dennis Adopted the Provisions of the
Community Preservation Act (Mass General Law 44B (as amended))

on

May 5, 2005

This Statute Provides for up to a
3% Surcharge on Property Taxes

This 3% Surcharge Qualifies for State Matching Funds,
This Year About 20%

Community Preservation Committee Members

Bill Clark (Dennis Conservation Commission)

Bill Collins (Dennis Historical Commission)

Frank Dahlstrom (At Large Member)

Kellie Dionne (At Large Member)

Chris Foley (At Large Member) Chair

Henry Kelley (At Large Member)

Chris Lambton (Select Board, Park Commission)

Cynthia Stead (Dennis Housing Authority)

5 applications were received by the May 2, 2024 deadline for consideration at Special Town Meeting Of October 1, 2024.

An Application from the Village Improvement Society of Dennis to Acquire a Portion of 744 Main Street in Dennis Village for \$225,000 Was Deferred for Possible Consideration of Funding at Annual Town Meeting in the Spring of 2025

An Application from the Association to Preserve Cape Cod for Restoration of an Historic Barn at 482 Main Street in Dennis was Denied

CPC recommended funding for 3 applications,
For a Total of
\$2,287,163,
All Approved by the Voters at STM
As Follows:

Town of Dennis Recreation Department of Public Works

Preservation and Restoration of the Josiah Dennis Manse
Museum

\$644,120

Town of Dennis Recreation Department

Construction of a New Recreation Building at Johnny Kelley Park

\$1,338,163

Town of Dennis
Select Board

To Fund the Salary and Benefits of a Housing Coordinator for
FY2025 Thru FY2028

\$304,929

Since 2005

116 Grants

26 Grantees

From \$4,000 to \$3,200,000

Median Grant \$62,000

Over 23 Million Dollars

Historic Preservation

54 grants

14 recipients

Cape Center for the Performing Arts, Cultural Center of Cape Cod, Dennis Historical Commission, Dennis Public Library, Dennis Union Church, Dennis Historical Society, Jacob Sears Library, Jericho Historical Center Committee, Liberty Hall, Manse Committee, South Dennis Congregational Church, Swan Lake Cemetery, and Town of Dennis for Cemeteries, the Manse Carleton Hall and Historic records Preservation

Recreation

23 Grants

5 Recipients

Yarmouth-Dennis Baseball Club, Town of Dennis,
Village Improvement Society, DY School District,
Dennis Conservation Land Trust

Open Space
11 Grants
3 Recipients

(Friends of Bass River, Town of Dennis,
Dennis Conservation Land Trust)

Housing

21 grants

8 recipients

(CIVOC, Dennis Housing Authority, Dennisport Partners, DMAHT, Forward, Habitat, Housing Assistance Corporation, The Resource Group, Town of Dennis)



For the 2025 Fiscal Year
CPC has the following available funds:

Open Space and Recreation	\$200,450
Historic Preservation	\$201,262
Community Housing	\$348,945
Undesignated Reserves	\$2,604,205
Total	\$3,413,203

Application Policy

- The CPC acts as public trustees when evaluating applications.
- The public interest is best served when all applications are considered concurrently.
- Such grouping enables the CPC to prioritize all applications simultaneously, and thus have the greatest range of options for recommendation to Town Meeting.
- It also removes the possible advantage to an out of cycle applicant if there is a greater amount of available funds at some date after regular cycle applications have been settled.

The Community Preservation Committee

Application Policy

- I. In cycle applications must be submitted by the first Friday in May, for funding at the fall Special Town Meeting.

- II. Out of cycle applications may be submitted subject to the following conditions:
 - The application shall set forth in great detail the compelling public necessity as to why it should be taken out of cycle.
 - The committee shall vote yea or nay and may not simply carry it forward to a later date.
 - Applications must be submitted at least 45 days prior to the Select Board's deadline for submittal for inclusion in the warrant

2025 Application Timeline (out of cycle)

- Applications Due March 7, 2025
- The Application Must Set Forth in Great Detail the Compelling Public Necessity for Funding an Application Out of Cycle
- Requires a Positive Vote From CPC to Consider the Application
- For Possible Funding at Annual Town Meeting, May 6, 2025

2025 Application Timeline (in cycle)

- Applications Due May 2, 2025, 4:00 pm
- Review of Applications - May-August
- Recommend Grants to Board of Selectmen for Inclusion on the Warrant – September
- Special Town Meeting – Fall 2025

The Community Preservation Committee
Meets the Second and Fourth Thursday of the Month

Meeting Schedules, Agendas and Pending Applications Are
Posted on the Town Website

<http://town.dennis.ma.us>

The Community Preservation Committee
Encourages Groups and Individuals with
Qualifying Projects to Apply for Grants

If you have any question about a possible grant application,
please contact any of the committee members, or email the
committee

townofdenniscpc@gmail.com

Information and Applications are Available at

<http://town.dennis.ma.us>

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685 Route 134
South Dennis, MA

508-394-8300

**The Community Preservation Committee
values your interest & enthusiasm.**

**We encourage groups and individuals
with qualifying projects to apply for CPA
funding and look forward to more
significant Grant Awards for the
Town of Dennis in 2025.**

