

Wrentham Community Preservation Committee

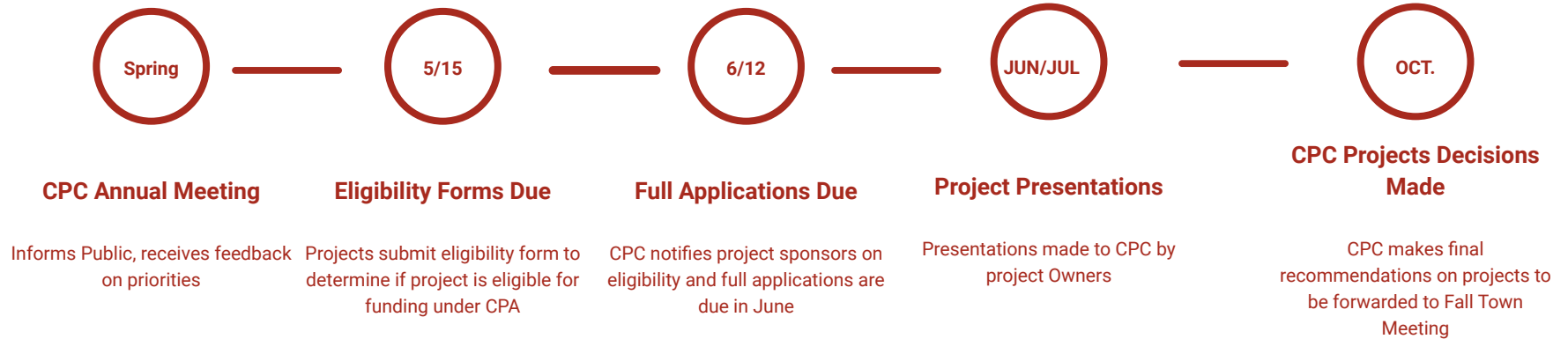
Annual Public Meeting
March 27, 2024
7:00 PM



Welcome - Agenda

1. Community Preservation Plan
2. CPA Project Funding Overview
3. Eligible Project Areas
4. Project Funding Process
5. Available Funds Projections
6. Q&A

Community Preservation in Wrentham

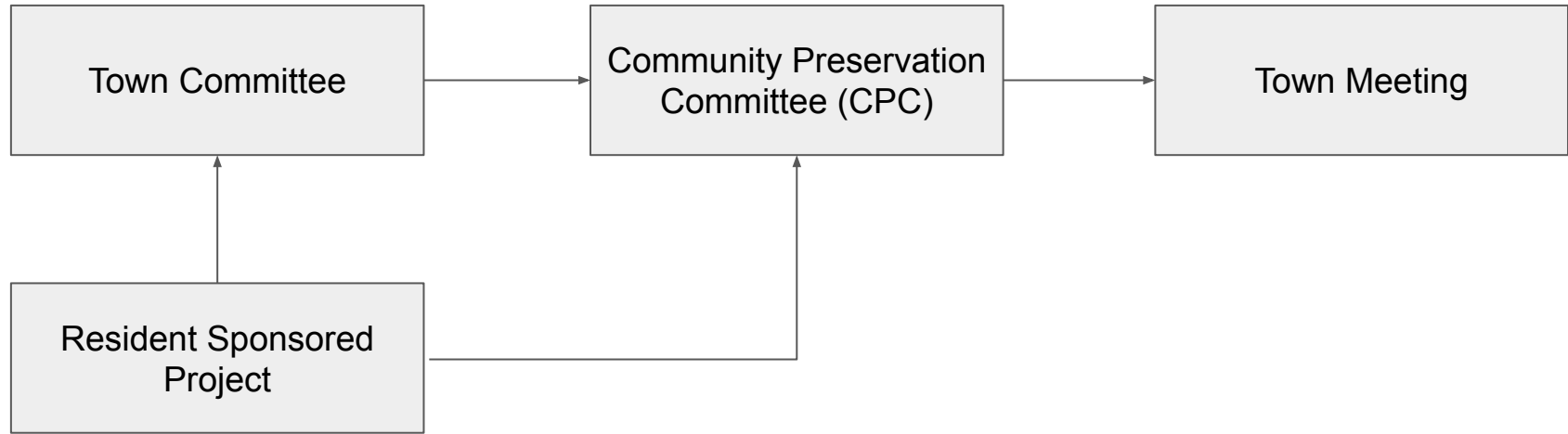


Wrentham Community Preservation Committee (CPC)

Jane D'Amico, Open Space Committee
Mark Cuddy, Recreation Commission
Robin Cuddy, Citizen-at-Large
Leo Immonen, Conservation Commission
Lisa Bailey, Historical Commission

Alan Richard, Housing Authority
Bill Harrington, Board of Selectmen
Scott Manchuso, Citizen-at-Large
Chuck Woodhams, Planning Board

CPA Project Application & Funding Overview



1. Project owners can apply from a committee (Historical, Housing, Open Space, Recreation) or if the project is not originating from a committee, project owners can apply via the committees or directly to the CPC.
2. CPC evaluates and if approved (majority vote), sends it to Town Meeting for funding approval.

Is My Project Eligible?

Determining Project Eligibility				
It's all about the VERBS!				
	Open Space	Historic	Recreation	Housing
Acquire	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Create	Yes	-	Yes	Yes
Preserve	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Support	-	-	-	Yes
Rehabilitate and/or Restore	No – Unless acquired or created with CPA Funds	Yes	Yes	No – Unless acquired or created with CPA Funds

Open Space

Overview

CPA funds may be spent on the acquisition, creation, and preservation of open space, and for the rehabilitation or restoration of any open space that has been acquired or created using CPA funds.

It is important to note that a permanent deed restriction is required for all real property interests acquired under CPA, such as a Conservation Restriction (CR) or Agricultural Preservation Restriction (APR).

Source: <http://www.communitypreservation.org/allowable-uses>

Wrentham Creates Acquisition Fund

In 2022, Wrentham voted to create an open space and recreation land acquisition fund, and funded it with a seed amount of \$200,000. This can help the town quickly execute due diligence and acquisition of land in town should the opportunity arise.

Acquisition would need to adhere to the CPA laws at the time of the purchase.

Historical Preservation

Overview

CPA funds may be spent on the acquisition, preservation, rehabilitation and restoration of historic resources.

Under CPA, an historic resource is defined as a building, structure, vessel, real property, document or artifact that is either:

- listed on the State Register of Historic Places; or
- determined by the local Historic Commission to be significant in the history, archeology, architecture, or culture of the city or town.

Historical Cowell Paintings - Wrentham

Painter and Wrentham resident Joseph Cowell painted numerous scenes around Wrentham, and CPC funds were used to help restore these important paintings.



Recreation

Overview

The focus for CPA recreational projects is on outdoor passive or active recreation, such as (but not limited to) the use of land for:

- Community gardens
- Trails
- Noncommercial youth and adult sports
- Parks, playgrounds or athletic fields

CPA funds may not be spent on ordinary maintenance or operating expenses; only capital improvements are allowed. In addition, CPA funds may not be used for a stadium, gymnasium, or similar structure, and further may not be used for acquiring artificial turf. This has been interpreted to generally mean outdoor recreational space and facilities.

D'Amico Playground - Wrentham

Built with CPA Funds in Wrentham, via bond process. Required 2/3rds vote at Town Meeting, built 2020



Community Housing

Overview

CPA funds may be spent on the acquisition, creation, preservation and support of community housing, and for the rehabilitation or restoration of community housing that has been acquired or created using CPA funds.

Housing developed with CPA funds may be offered to those persons and families whose annual income is less than 100 percent of the areawide median income, as determined by US Housing and Urban Development income guidelines.

Norfolk Community Park Mixed Use

Affordable housing folded into recreation project in Norfolk to provide four affordable housing units plus recreation fields and conservation space.



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Project Source: <http://www.communitypreservation.org/success-stories/news/norfolk-acquires-repurposes-dormant-farmland-mixed-use-cpa-project> , retrieved 11/6/2018

CPA Project Funding Process Due Dates

High level timeline for this year's project cycle.

Item	Due
Application for Project Eligibility to CPC	May 15
Final Application For CPA Funding to CPC	June 12
CPC Makes Recommendation to Town	~ October
Town Meeting to Review Project Funding	~ November

Town Mtg approval requires majority vote for projects, and $\frac{2}{3}$ vote for any project requiring bond issuance for funding

NOTE: All application forms are available on Town of Wrentham website, under Community Preservation Committee section

CPA Funds Available for 2024 Project Cycle

Funds below would be available for allocation by November Town Meeting.

Note: These are estimates and approximate figures at start of 2024, and include projected FY2025 proposed budget, subject to budgeting approval and planned expenditures at expected amounts. Unrestricted funds can apply to a project in any category. Excludes any effect of projects that may be approved at June 2024 Town Meeting

Housing	\$206,200
Historic	\$63,500
Recreation/Open Space	\$40,800
Unrestricted	\$1,143,800

Q&A

Thank You