

XVIA was extended for 1 Major Construction Project. Site Plan Approval under Section XVIA was withdrawn without prejudice for 1 Major Construction Project. Five requests for Special Permits for signs were filed under Section XXIIA, which regulates billboards, signs and other advertising devices within the Town. Two Appeals of the Decision of the Inspector of Buildings were filed under Section XXIV-C, which regulates appeals to the Permit Granting Authority under the Zoning Bylaw and the Zoning Act, Chapter 40A, Massachusetts General Laws. One request for Comprehensive Permit was filed under Chapter 40B of the Massachusetts General Laws, which regulates regional planning. The Board also heard 66 requests for Special Permit/Findings pursuant to Section XVII, which governs pre-existing nonconforming structures and uses.

The Board suggests that petitioners who intend to file any type of request for a hearing should consult the Wellesley Zoning Bylaw, which may be viewed on the Town Website: www.ci.wellesley.ma.us/Bylaws/Regulations/2004 Zoning Bylaws or viewed in the Board of Appeals office, the Building Department, or the Wellesley Public Library. Copies of the Wellesley Zoning Bylaw may be purchased at the office of the Town Clerk. Application forms and instruction sheets are available for all petitions in the office of the Board of Appeals. The Executive Secretary of the Board of Appeals is available to assist petitioners with information regarding the petition process and help in completing the required forms.

REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

This is the Community Preservation Committee's (CPC) second annual report to the Town.

The residents of Wellesley enacted the Community Preservation Act (CPA) in November 2002. The committee consists of nine members. One appointed by and from each of the following Boards: the Housing Authority, Recreation Commission, Natural Resources Commission, Historical Commission and Planning Board, and four members appointed by the Moderator. The CPC is required to study the "needs, possibilities and resources" for community preservation in Wellesley. It is also responsible for making recommendations to Town Meeting for the use of Community Preservation funds.

Community Preservation funds originate from two sources: a one percent surcharge on the local property tax bills and from State matching funds. For the year ending June 30, 2005, the Town raised \$591,216 through the surcharge. There will be a 100% match from the Commonwealth in October, 2005.

The CPA requires that at least 10 percent (a total of not less than 30%) of each year's total funding be spent or reserved for each of the CPA's three main purposes: open space, historic resources, and community housing (currently, that is about \$100,000 for each of these purposes). CPA funds that are not expended in one year may be "banked" or carried over to subsequent years. However, once CPA funds are banked for a specific purpose, they must ultimately be used for the purpose for which they were banked. At the Town's discretion, the remaining 70 percent of CPA funds in each fiscal year are available to be appropriated or banked for one or more of four purposes: the three listed above, as well as for recreational uses. In addition, subject to certain restrictions, five percent of the CPA funds raised annually may be used for administrative activities related to the work of the CPC.

The CPC, with the help of many Town boards, prepared the first “Town of Wellesley Community Preservation Plan” in June of 2002, with the expectation that it would be updated periodically. The Plan was reviewed and revised in June of 2005, and can be found on the CPC webpage at www.wellesleyma.gov/cpc. The Plan gives a summary of the Town’s community preservation goals, as well as setting out the resources, needs and possibilities for open space, historical resources, housing and recreation within the Town. Overarching and area specific preservation goals, which the CPC used in its project review and decision making process, are also set forth.

This year the CPC received six proposals, totaling \$545,654, for its consideration. In addition, the appropriation of \$35,000 for the Tailby Lot Study was approved at the December 2004 STM. The proponents represented a diverse cross-section of interests: four came from Town Boards, one from the Wellesley Historical Society, and one from the Wellesley Conservation Council. Several proposals represented collaboration among several Town boards and/or citizens’ groups. The second round of appropriations were made at the 2005 Annual Town Meeting as follows:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Historical Resources	Grant to Wellesley Historical Commission to hire consultant to register the Fuller Brook Park Pathway on the National Register of Historic Places	\$4,700
Historical Resources	Grant to Wellesley Historical Commission to hire consultant to register the Hills Library building on the National Register of Historic Places	\$2,750
Historical Resources	Grant to Wellesley Historical Society for preservation of the Dadmun-McNamara House	\$32,694
Housing	Grant to Wellesley Housing Development Corp. to be used to create affordable housing.	\$450,000
Housing/Open Space	Appropriation for the Tailby Lot Study (December STM)	\$35,000
Open Space	Grant to the Department of Public Works for the completion of the Elm Park restoration project.	\$51,110
Open Space	Grant to Wellesley Conservation Council to create ten signs to be placed at the Council’s Sanctuaries	\$4,400

Administrative	Grant to Community Preservation Committee for administrative support, studies, etc.	\$50,000
Total		\$630,654

In conclusion, we wish to thank the proponents who participated in the process this year and to thank the Town for its foresight in enacting the CPA.

Respectfully submitted,

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2005 – FINAL REPORT OF THE WELLESLEY CELEBRATIONS COMMITTEE
(WCC)

The 37th Annual Parade and the Seventh Annual Wellesley's Wonderful Weekend, which included 16 events, were held over the weekend of Saturday, May 21 and Sunday, May 22, 2005. For the seventh year the Annual Parade was a Spring event rather than, as in the past, a Fall event. But because of a rainout the final quarter of the activities: the Picnic in the Park, the Classic Rock Concert and the Piece de Resistance of the weekend, the Fireworks were postponed and completed on Sunday, June 5, 2005.

The highlight of the Weekend, the Annual Parade, was dedicated "To Those Who Serve" with the 2005 theme being "Many Communities...One Wellesley!" Again this year, as was the case the last two years, this event was held between a serious rain forecast. But with a clearing for a few hours on Sunday afternoon, May 22, it stepped off with 116 units recorded as entries and 15 bands and musical groups providing music for the over 2,000 marchers; representing civic, military, militia, school, service, specialty and veterans groups. Additionally, 12 floats were entered, 8 of which received award recognition, with the Best School float going to the Sprague School, which will hold the school trophy until the next Parade. A fly-over of the line of March, by World War II aircraft and a Massachusetts State Police helicopter, added to the success of the event.

The 18 events under the umbrella of Wellesley's Wonderful Weekend, started on Friday afternoon, May 20th with a Memorial Dedication in Memory of R. Arnold Wakelin, the late Executive Director of Wellesley Town Government at the Town Bell in front of Town Hall