

ARTICLE 18A. COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

(Established STM April 2002.)

18A.1. Establishment: The Town shall have a Community Preservation Committee (for purposes of this Article 18A, the "Committee"), consisting of nine members who are residents of the Town.

18A.2. Appointment Authority/Terms: The composition of the Committee, the appointment authority, and the term of office shall be as follows:

- a. One member of the Natural Resources Commission as designated by said Commission for a term of three years;
- b. One member of the Historical Commission as designated by said Commission for a term of three years;
- c. One member of the Housing Authority as designated by said Authority for a term of three years;
- d. One member of the Planning Board as designated by said Board for a term of three years;
- e. One member of the Recreation Commission as designated by said Commission for a term of three years; and

Four members appointed by the Moderator for a term of three years, 18A.3. Duties: The Committee shall carry out its duties consistent with the provisions of G.L. c. 44B and it shall:

- a. Study the needs, possibilities and resources of the Town regarding community preservation at least annually. The Committee shall consult with existing municipal Boards, including but not limited to those Boards required to be consulted by G.L. c. 44B, or persons acting in those capacities or performing like duties, in conducting such studies. As part of its study, the Committee shall hold one or more public informational hearings regarding community preservation needs, possibilities and resources, notice of which shall be posted publicly and published for each of two weeks preceding each hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town.
- b. Make recommendations to Town Meeting at least annually for the acquisition, creation, and preservation of open space, the acquisition and preservation of historic resources, the acquisition, creation, and preservation of land for recreational use, the creation, preservation, and support of community housing, and the rehabilitation or restoration of such open space, historic resources, land for recreational use, and community housing that is acquired, created, or preserved as provided in this section. With respect to community housing, the Committee shall recommend, wherever possible, the reuse of existing buildings or construction of new buildings on previously developed sites. Recommendations to Town Meeting shall include their anticipated costs.
- c. Recommend, at least annually, either that Town Meeting appropriate, or set aside for later spending, not less than ten percent of the revenues made available that year from the Community Preservation Fund in each of the following areas: (i) open space (not including land for recreational use), (ii) historic resources; and (iii) community housing.
- d. Include in its recommendation to Town Meeting, whenever applicable, a recommendation to set aside for later spending funds for specific purposes that are consistent with community preservation but for which sufficient revenues are not then available in the Community Preservation Fund to accomplish that specific purpose, or to set aside for later spending funds for general purposes that are consistent with community preservation.