

Massachusetts passed the Community Preservation Act (CPA) in 2000. Lincoln voted to join in 2003 with a 3% property tax surcharge. Since then the State has matched the town's revenues anywhere from 100% to the low 30% level. This past year the State match was 66% due to a provision in the State budget which required the first \$25 million of any surplus to be deposited into the CPA Trust. Hopefully this requirement will be renewed in the ongoing State budget process but it is not guaranteed.

This year's Community Preservation Committee (CPC) began accepting project applications in August. Projects must come from one of four areas to qualify: historic, open space, community housing and recreation. The group met 6 times throughout the fall and early winter. The projects were discussed with their sponsors as well as at the committee level. As a result of this process the following projects were approved at our public hearing on January 22<sup>nd</sup> for consideration at this year's Town Meeting:

### **CPC 2015 Proposal Summary**

<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>
Town Offices - Debt Service on Renovation Expenses	\$327,825
75 Tower Road - Rehabilitation of Town-Owned Affordable Housing Unit and Addition of a New Housing Unit	\$150,000
Wetland Trail and Observation Platform from Lincoln School to Muster Field	\$137,355
Arboretum Cemetery - Reconstruction of Stone Wall on Northern side.	\$50,000
Smith School Playground rehabilitation - replacement of broken equipment.	\$50,000
Bemis Hall basement design study to facilitate the usage of the area for Council on Aging activities.	\$30,000
Town Archives Items and Documents	\$26,667
Reconstruct the Library's Preston Building roof	\$20,000
Codman Community Farm Main Barn Electrical Work	\$15,000
Structural survey of the Flint Homestead on which the Town holds a historical preservation restriction	\$8,000
Historical architectural area studies supported by Friends of Modern Architecture and the Historic Commission	\$6,000

Codman Community Farm Hay Barn Structural Study	\$5,000
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<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$825,847</b>
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<b>Additional Expenses</b>	<b>Amount</b>
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Debt Service on previous project	\$107,713
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10% Reserve of Open Space/Land Acquisition	\$77,813
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and Community Housing	\$66,438
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Administrative Expenses	\$3,000
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<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$254,964</b>
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<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,080,811</b>
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The total recommended projects amount of \$1,080,811 comes out of the total available CPA funds of \$1,841,230. This leaves a balance of \$760,419 to carry over to next fiscal year.

Should you have questions, thoughts or comments about any of the proposals prior to Town Meeting please contact a member of the committee.

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