

# Town of Sudbury

Community Preservation Committee

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## PROJECT SUBMISSION FORM

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Submission Date: 10/31/2014

Group or Committee Affiliation (if any): None

Submitter's address and phone number:

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Purpose (please select all that apply):

- Open Space
- Community Housing
- Historic
- Recreation

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Project Name: Re fund the Conservation Fund

Project Description: Please see attached pages. This project was included in Sudbury's 2014 Town Meeting Warrant (FY 2015) but had not been voted by CPC and therefore did not go forward. A copy of the Warrant Article and discussion is attached.

Costs:

Fiscal Year	Total Project Cost	CPC Funds Requested	Other Funding Sources (amount and source)
2016		200,000.00	
2017			
2018			
2019			
2020			
<b>Total</b>			

How does this project meet the General Criteria and Category Specific Criteria for CPC projects (see attached)?

Does this project fall within the jurisdiction or interest of other Town Boards, Committees or Departments? If so, please list the boards, committees or departments, whether applications and/or presentations have been made, and what input or recommendations have been given.

Conservation Commission: I am scheduled to meet with CoCom on 17 NOV 14 and will supplement this form with data from that meeting.

For Community Preservation Committee Use:

Form received on: \_\_\_\_\_

Project presented to CPC on: \_\_\_\_\_

Reviewed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Determination: \_\_\_\_\_

## ARTICLE #45 – FUNDING THE CONSERVATION FUND

Move to see if the town will vote to approve utilization of \$200,000 of current Community Preservation Act reserve funds from the category Open Space to fund Sudbury's Conservation Fund, pursuant to Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44B (the Community Preservation Act), or act on anything relative thereto.

### **Submitted by Petition**

#### Discussion:

Over the past few years several properties in Sudbury administered under Chapter 61A have been converted from agricultural or open space use to residential development. The town of Sudbury was granted the right of first refusal to purchase these properties and maintain them as undeveloped space in return for their favored property tax treatment under Chapter 61A; however the town declined to exercise this right at least in part because of the effort and expense to convene a Special Town Meeting to secure the necessary funding from Community Preservation Funds.

The Conservation Fund, established under the provisions of MGL Chapter 40 Section 8C, can be used to hold funds available for immediate use when properties become available. Conservation Commission expends the Fund to acquire properties identified for preservation in the Open Space and Recreation Plan as they deem appropriate.

This appropriation is directly analogous to appropriating \$200,000 of CPA funds for affordable housing to the Sudbury Housing Trust.

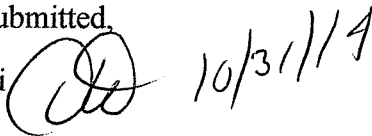
Funding the Conservation Fund permits the town to act quickly without the expense of a special town meeting to preserve our heritage of open space in Sudbury.

#### Notes added 31OCT2014:

When this Article was submitted for the 2014 Town Warrant it was endorsed by the Conservation Commission. I am meeting with ConCom 17NOV2014 to determine their continued interest. Upon confirmation of their continued interest (discussion and majority vote), I will supplement this project submission form by providing the additional supporting data.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan DePompei

Handwritten signature of Dan DePompei and the date 10/31/14.