

**1. COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND – GRIST MILL, CARDING MILL POND AND STEARNS MILL POND INVASIVE WEED REMOVAL**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate an amount not to exceed \$45,000 of Community Preservation Act funds from FY16 Revenue, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, for the purpose of habitat restoration of Grist Mill Pond, Stearns Mill Pond and Carding Mill Pond, or act on anything relative thereto. All appropriations will be allocated to the Open Space category and funded from FY16 Revenue.

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE REPORT: This article requests funding for the harvesting of non-native, invasive aquatic weeds and other restoration activities in Grist Mill Pond, Carding Mill Pond and Stearns Mill Pond by the Hop Brook Protection Association or its representatives. Past harvesting efforts have been successful short term measures to address the summer-time weed growth, but have been largely focused on Carding Mill Pond. In the summer of 2012, similar actions were taken on Stearns Mill Pond, with comparable success. Use of the funds by the Hop Brook Pond Association for these purposes shall be as needed until the funds are expended, but anticipates a three year effort with the funding request. The CPC understands that this is a temporary but necessary effort to retain these Town assets in hopes of restoring the sustainability of the Hop Brook waterway system.

**2. COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND – SUDBURY HOUSING TRUST ALLOCATION**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate an amount not to exceed \$218,000 of Community Preservation Act Funds from FY16 Revenue, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, for the purpose of providing funds to the Sudbury Housing Trust in support of its efforts to provide for the preservation and creation of affordable housing, or act on anything relative thereto. All appropriations will be allocated to the Community Housing category and funded from FY16 Revenue.

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE REPORT: This article requests an appropriation to fund the Sudbury Housing Trust using ten percent (10%) of anticipated FY16 CPA revenue that the Act requires be set aside for affordable housing. The Trust was created at the 2006 Annual Town Meeting, provided with start-up funding at the 2007 Annual Town Meeting, and has been funded with no less than the ten percent CPA allocation each year since 2008. These appropriations will go toward implementing the Housing Trust's multi-pronged housing strategy. The goal of all these community housing efforts is to create and retain affordable housing options for Sudbury residents, make progress toward the state-mandated number of affordable housing units in town, and to provide an increased diversity among Sudbury's housing options. The CPC understands that as long as progress is not made toward that goal, the Town suffers a lack of control over not only the location, but also the construction parameters of multi-unit housing (40B developments) anywhere in town.

**3. COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND – TOWN-WIDE WALKWAYS**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate an amount not to exceed \$100,000 from the Community Preservation Act funds, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, for the purpose of constructing new walkways within the Town, such design and construction to be guided by the spirit and intent of the Town of Sudbury 2001 Master Plan, the February 2000 Report of the Walkway Committee, the July 2005 Sudbury Board of Selectmen directive regarding public works projects on Scenic Roads, and by recommendation of the Town of Sudbury Planning Board, the Director of Planning and Community Development, and the Director of the Department of Public Works, or act on anything relative thereto. All appropriations will be allocated to the Recreation category and funded from FY16 Revenue.

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE REPORT: This article requests an appropriation to fund the engineering, design and construction of priority new walkways within the Town. The walkways funded will be selected by the DPW Director, with the recommendation of the Planning Board, from the list of walkways identified in the February 2000 Report of the Walkway Committee. The CPC firmly believes that the design and construction of walkways should be guided by the spirit of the Town's 2001 Master Plan as it pertains to Town character and by the July 2005 directive from the Board of Selectmen regarding public works projects on Scenic Roads. The CPC believes that Sudbury's walkways provide a relatively low-maintenance/low-operational cost opportunity for neighborhood recreation. This opportunity, in addition to the safety benefits that walkways confer, contributes greatly to the quality of life in Town, and has been repeatedly identified as desirous by residents not only at Town Meeting, but in other forums and studies as well.

**4. COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND – HISTORIC PROJECTS**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate an amount not to exceed \$22,000 from the Community Preservation Act Funds, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, for the purpose of completing the following projects as proposed and recommended by the Sudbury Historical Commission: to purchase and build an information kiosk and produce historical signage in the vicinity of the Hearse House, Town Pound and Revolutionary War Cemetery in the historic Town Center; to continue the Survey of Old Homes, as required by the Massachusetts Historical Commission; and restoration of signage within the town cemeteries; or act on anything relative thereto. All appropriations will be allocated to the Historic category and funded from Historic Reserves or FY16 Revenue.

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE REPORT: This article requests an appropriation to fund 3 specific projects in the historic category, as recommended by the Sudbury Historical Commission. The informational kiosk in the Town Center will acquaint and educate visitors with the numerous historical resources in the area and recognize the donors and volunteers who have helped restore the cemetery and Town Pound over the recent years; approximately ten properties will be studied and added to the Town's Old Home Survey inventory (which currently identifies over 250 historic properties); and the cemetery signage will replace deteriorated signage in various Town cemeteries. The CPC believes these projects are necessary to protect and preserve the integrity of Sudbury's historic assets and to promote an awareness of the town's historic places.

**5. COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND – DAVIS FIELD IMPROVEMENTS**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 from the Community Preservation Act Funds, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, for the purpose of redeveloping the Davis Field property to create no less than 2 multi-purpose rectangular fields and four Little League fields, parking, drainage and other amenities, or act on anything relative thereto. All appropriations will be allocated to the Recreation category and funded from unrestricted reserves.

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE REPORT: This article requests funding for improvements to the Davis Field recreational land with the construction of no less than 2 multi-purpose rectangular fields and four Little League fields to Davis Field, as well as parking, drainage, and other amenities for the general public. This project is necessary due to the high demand for multi-purpose rectangular field space, increased scheduling conflicts among user groups, poor conditions of Little League fields at various locations, and over-usage of current fields which is leading to worsening conditions – dirt patches, weed growth, compacted soil, etc. As determined by the Park and Recreation Commission, the rehabilitation of Davis Field was determined to be the best solution to accommodate field demands experienced by the Park & Recreation Department and also is supported by the Town’s 2012 Athletic Field Needs Assessment and Master Plan Update. The Town anticipates applying for a state Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities (PARC) reimbursable grant, which could fund up to \$400,000 of this project, and if received, will be deposited back into the Community Preservation Fund account to defray the total CPA project cost.

**6. COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND – TOWN CENTER LANDSCAPING**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate an amount not to exceed \$100,000 from the Community Preservation Act Funds, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, for the purpose of funding the remainder of the landscaping and historic restoration phase of the Town Center Improvement project, or act on anything relative thereto. All appropriations will be allocated to the Open Space and Recreation category and funded from FY16 Revenue.

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE REPORT: This article request additional funding for the final stage of the Town Center Improvement project. The items to be installed with the funds include landscaping, walkways, ornamental lighting, and other site improvements to enhance the historic nature and open space qualities of the area. A component of this project will be to integrate the recently acquired property located at 15 Hudson Road into a usable park to complement the historic district. All improvements using these funds will go beyond normal landscaping and amenities associated with the intersection reconstruction project. A landscape plan will be created, after public discussion, to determine specifically what improvements will be installed within the approved budget. The Town has recognized the need to improve the Town Center intersection. For over seven years, the Town has been engaged in a process of concept design and planning, up to engineering design and funding for reconstruction of the intersection. The final piece of this project is the historic restoration and landscaping of the Town Center to make it usable and accessible by residents and visitors.

**7. COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND – AMEND ARTICLE 26 OF THE 2012 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND – HISTORIC PROJECTS**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 26 of the 2012 Annual Town Meeting by allowing the installation of a fire detection and/or fire suppression system at the Hosmer House, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, or act on anything relative thereto.

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE REPORT: This Article requests a change in a previously approved project for the installation of a fire suppression system at the Hosmer House. The Sudbury Historical Commission has studied various systems and concludes that a detection system will be most beneficial to this property. As originally envisioned and approved, the proposed fire suppression system would protect the Hosmer House, built in 1793, and the 400+ paintings on display. The Sudbury Historical Commission believes that a fire suppression system would cause significant damage to the interior of the house, and that a detection system, wired directly into the Sudbury Fire Department, would be a better choice for this particular property and its contents. The fire detection system is estimated to cost less than the suppression system, and will enable the Fire Department to respond to incidents in a very timely manner, due to the proximity of the Hosmer House to the main Fire Station on Hudson Road, without potential unnecessary discharge of water and chemicals inside the structure. The Community Preservation Committee has approved this modification to the project.

## **8. COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND GENERAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS**

To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from Community Preservation Act funds, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, for the FY16 Community Preservation Act budget; or act on anything relative thereto.

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE REPORT: This article sets forth the entire FY16 CPA budget, including appropriations and reservations as required in connection with the administration of the CPA funds. The article appropriates funds for FY16 debt service obligations totaling \$1,268,738. These obligations arise from prior town meeting approval for the bonding of four projects: 1) purchase of the Dickson property utilizing the Open Space (\$36,440) and Historic Preservation (\$23,740) categories; 2) purchase of land and development rights as well as construction of a sports field on the Cutting property utilizing the Open Space (\$214,241) and Recreation (\$26,479) categories; 3) purchase of the Libby property utilizing the Open Space category (\$169,663); 4) purchase of development rights on the Nobscot Boy Scout Reservation phases I and II utilizing the Open Space category (\$515,678); 6) purchase of development rights on Pantry Brook Farm utilizing the Open Space category (\$207,497), and 7) purchase of the Johnson Farm property utilizing the Open Space category (\$75,000).

The article also appropriates funds for administrative and operational expenses of the CPC in the amount of \$90,000. The administrative fund can be used by the CPC to pay for technical staffing and expertise, consulting services (e.g. land surveys and engineering), property appraisals, legal advertisements, publication fees and other administrative expenses. By statute the CPC can budget up to five percent (5%) of its annual budget for administrative expenses, or \$109,050 based upon the revenue projection of \$2, 18,100 in FY16. Any funds remaining in the administrative account at fiscal yearend revert back to the CPA Fund Balance, as they have in past years, and need to be re-appropriated for administrative use in subsequent years. The CPC believes that having access to administrative funds is critically important, in that it allows it to conduct business on a time-sensitive basis - a vital component of the CPA.

The article may also reserve the requisite statutory minimum of ten percent (10%) of the CPA budget in each of the core CPA categories of Open Space, Community Housing and Historic Preservation. This minimum is mandated by the state CPA statute, and funds not spent in each of these three core categories must be reserved for future expenditure in those same categories. The actual amount reserved each year depends upon whether or not that Town Meeting has appropriated money totaling less than 10%, or not appropriated any money at all, in any of these three core categories. If there is a balance of unspent CPA funds from that fiscal year after such reservations and after Town Meeting has voted the CPA articles, it is budgeted in the unrestricted reserve account for future CPC projects in all three categories.



2015 Annual Town Meeting CPC Articles

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