

Community Preservation Committee

We are pleased to report that the Town raised \$580,161 of Community Preservation funds during 2022. This included \$405,813 of surcharge income on real estate taxes and \$174,348 in State Match revenue. Since our adoption of the CPA statute by town meeting in 2005 we have raised \$4,704,044 in surcharge income and received state matches of \$1,587,915 for a total of \$6,291,959. The CPA program continues to allow us to leverage our tax dollars with state matching funds to accomplish more than we could do on our own. The state match received has averaged 33.7% annually since our adoption making this one of the state's most successful programs with participation by 191 cities and towns representing over 70% of the state's population. We appreciate the town's overwhelming support for our work as evidenced by your votes at every town meeting.

Last year's town meeting supported the funding of a much needed new athletic field on Pine St. The engineering and approvals should be completed by this town meeting and construction should be underway. We also continued the town's support of Community Housing, Open Space and Recreation as well as support for preservation of several of our Historical assets. Full details are available in the town report and on the CPC section of the town's website.

We continue to study the needs of the town and welcome any ideas that residents may have for an eligible project. Please feel free to reach out to us anytime. We'd like to thank Sean Daly and Mark Weld for their efforts and input over the last several years as they complete their terms on the CPC. And finally our thanks to our administrative assistant, Helene Shaw-Kwasie, for her efficiency in keeping us organized and on track once again.

Sincerely, Jack Burke, Chairman and Joan McDonald Vice Chair