Community Preservation Act Committee FY16 Recommendations

CPA can be spent on only 4 categories of projects:
  Affordable Housing
  Historic Preservation
  Open Space
  Recreation

Thanks to the voters of Amherst we are now a 3% CPA community.

Yearly Funding Cycle A Request for Proposals is posted each October with an early December deadline. We review proposals, have presentations by applicants in January & February, a Public Hearing and vote in March. Occasionally we may recommend time sensitive projects in the Fall.
Community Preservation Act Committee FY16 Recommendations

CPA Article 17 for New Projects & Article 11 for CPA Debt Service

CPA Surcharge has increased from 1.50% to 3%
$2,115,130 estimated available for FY16 projects
$321,537 in debt service
$520,096 in new recommendations
$841,633 Total recommended for 2015 Annual Town Meeting to consider

Visit [www.amherstma.gov/cpa](http://www.amherstma.gov/cpa) for more info. Click on FY 16 Proposals in left margin
#1 $25,000 Surveys, Appraisals & Related Studies
– Amherst Affordable Housing Trust
CPAC Vote 6 - 0

• New municipal housing trust voted at recent Town Meeting
• Surveys, appraisals, & related studies are a necessary first step in the process of acquiring and preserving affordable housing. Professional advice for setting up the Trust is also included.
#2  $95,000 Purchase lot 5C-28 from NACF
– Amherst Community Land Trust (ACLT)
CPAC Vote 7-0

• 0.74 acre parcel
• ACLT got a $20,000 grant from Interfaith Housing, Inc.
• MOU with Habitat for Humanity to build 2 affordable units
• Units will be owner-occupied
• Selling lot helps North Amherst Community Farm finances
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CPAC Vote 7-0
#3  $20,000 Cook Fountain Consultant
– Town of Amherst, Malloy
CPAC Vote 7-0

- Consultant to examine the stonework and make recommendations for repair
- Structure to protect the fountain in the winter
#4  $20,000 Strong House Archaeological Survey
– Amherst Historical Society
CPAC Vote 7- 0

- Amherst History Museum “Amherst’s Attic”
- UMASS Archaeological Services will do:
  - Ground penetrating radar study
  - Subsurface testing,
  - Dig several test pits
  - Report findings & recommendations
  - Involve students
- Amount reduced to $20,000
Article 17 A #5  $25,000 Strong House Painting
– Amherst Historical Society
CPAC Vote 7-0

- Scrape, caulk, paint entire building
- Replace deteriorated glazing compound around windows
- Use historically appropriate colors
#6  $25,000 Capital Needs Assessment & Archaeological Study
– Goodwin Memorial AME Zion Church
CPAC Vote 7-0

- Oldest church built by African Americans in town
- Listed on National Register of Historic sites
- Assess soundness, safety, energy use, accessibility, drainage, etc.
- Studies required to get future grants
$25,000 Capital Needs Assessment & Archaeological Study – Goodwin Memorial AME Zion Church
CPAC Vote 7-0

Goodwin Congregation-Black Lives Matter Sunday
#7 $25,000 Open Space Surveys & Appraisals
– Town of Amherst, Ziomek
CPAC Vote 7-0

• Necessary first step in the process of acquiring conservation land and preserving farms
• Required for grants
#8  $50,000 North Amherst Field Improvements  
– Town of Amherst, Chalfant  
CPAC Vote 7-0

- Install a safety fence along Sunderland Road
- Install an informal TRG (trap rock gravel) parking area adjacent to the multi-purpose playing field
- Buy a moveable backstop
#9 $127,351 Mill River Baseball Fields Improvements
– Amherst Baseball, Inc.
CPAC Vote 6 - 0 - 1

Improvements include:
• Excavation and Reconstruction of Baseball Infields with engineered soils: $75,651
• Installation of Water Service: $10,000
• Construction of Dugouts: $32,000
• Removal and Replacement of Batting Cages: $7,000
• Installation of Electric Service: $2,000
• Replacement of Fence Protectors: $700
#10 $1,750 Administrative Expenses
– Community Preservation Committee
CPAC Vote 7 – 0

- Dues to Community Preservation Coalition
- Newspaper Ads for Public Hearings
- Miscellaneous Expenses
Article 17 B  $105,995 Hall Property Acquisition
– Town of Amherst, Ziomek
CPAC Vote 7-0

- Purchase 2 parcels off Old Farm Road as conservation land
- 31.56 acres total
- Adjacent to Wentworth Farm Recreation Area
- Protect Gull Pond & Owens Pond Pond
- Easily accessible
- Serves diverse populations
- Hiking, fishing, canoeing, bird-watching, ice-skating
- Received $235,655 L.A.N.D. grant
Article 17 B  $105,995 Hall Property Acquisition
– Town of Amherst
CPAC Vote 7-0
Article 11 Debt Service

$321,537  Debt Service

$ 7,200  So East Street Rock Farm  (year 2 of 10)

$ 13,200  AHA Ann Whalen Apt.  (year 2 of 10)

$ 25,566  Town Hall Masonry  (year 6 of 10)

$ 58,375  Hawthorne Property  (year 5 of 10)

43% Housing ($25,101)

57% Recreation ($33,274)

$ 41,650  AHA 22 units  (year 4 of 10)

$175,546  Rolling Green 41 Affordable units  (year 1 of 10)