

Community Preservation Committee to Hold Town Meeting

As many citizens will remember, in 2020 West Stockbridge voted to adopt the Community Preservation Act (CPA). The CPA is a Massachusetts state law which enables adopting communities to supplement up to 3% of town property taxes specifically to fund open space preservation, preservation of historic resources, development of affordable housing, and the acquisition and development of outdoor recreational facilities. Contribution from the town is supported by state match.

The potential of this program to preserve and strengthen our community from within cannot be understated. The town voted to dedicate 2% of the property taxes to the CPA fund and has over \$100,000 in its fund. Historic restoration, housing and open spaces each are required to have at least 10% of the budget for the CPA fund specifically designated for projects in those categories.

Citizen input is essential to our mission, with the public's guidance, the CPC can focus on seeking and recommending for funding the projects that we feel are important to the preservation of our community.

The Community Preservation Committee (CPC) is required by the CPA to hold a town meeting each year to provide citizens of West Stockbridge the opportunity to share their thoughts for what the CPC should focus on in the future.

The annual town meeting for this year will be held on Tuesday June 6, 2023, at 6pm in the gymnasium at town hall.

We hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

Your Community Preservation Committee

Sue Coxon
Randy Thunfors
Jared Gelormino
John Masiero
John Boscarino
Peter Metz
Earl Moffatt