

## COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

The Town of Hampden adopted the Community Preservation Act in 2001. Although the law allows up to a 3% surcharge on property taxes (the first \$100,000 valuation on residential property being exempt), Hampden voted the minimum of a 1% surcharge for CPA funds. In FY06, the taxpayers' contribution totaled \$44,847 and received a matching FY05 contribution from the State of \$38,372. Although we have received full matching funds for the past five years, it is likely the percentage of State contribution will be reduced in the future as more communities adopt the CPA. The monies collected by this surcharge may only be used for Open Space, Historic Preservation, Affordable Housing and limited Recreational Use.

Pursuant to the requirements of the law, the Community Preservation Committee is comprised of representatives of the following committees: Planning Board, Housing Authority, Historical Commission, Conservation Commission, Park and Recreation Commission, as well as Members at Large.

The Community Preservation Committee reviews and assesses each request for CPA funds to assure that criteria for each category are met. Only after the Committee has approved the application(s) for funds will the recommendation be made for the Town Meeting. The voters at Town Meeting make the final decision for appropriation of CPA funds.

In 2006 (per the committee's recommendation and voter approval) the following proposals were approved:

OPEN SPACE	\$20,000 to Hampden Land Trust
HISTORIC PRESERVATION	No commitments – 10% set aside for future use.
AFFORDABLE HOUSING	No commitments – 10% set aside for future use.
RECREATION	\$21,000 for Park improvements \$80,000 for Spray Park project

In 2006, Bob Burger resigned after five years of service. We thank Bob for his many contributions. Applications for CPA Funds are available at the Town Offices.

Respectfully submitted:

Douglas Boyd, Chair (Member at Large)  
Dorothy Kibbe, Secretary (Member at Large)  
Neil Flynn (Planning Board)  
Benjamin Bump (Housing Authority)  
Connie Witt (Historical Commission)  
John M. Flynn (Member at Large)  
Phillip Grant (Conservation Commission)  
Chris MacDonald (Parks)