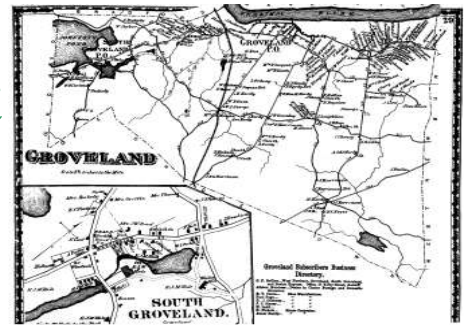


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A Historic Step for Groveland!



Purpose of the CPA

- The Community Preservation Act was passed by the state to enable communities to set aside funds for preserving the nature and character of their town
- The funds can only be used to fund projects that include Historic Preservation, Protection of Open Space, Affordable Housing or Recreation. The first three are required to have at least 10% of the funds set aside for that purpose
- Groveland voters approved the CPA in 2004 with a 3% surcharge by an overwhelming majority
- The state matches these funds when available up to 100% dollar for dollar
- The funds must be spent on projects related to the four areas

CPC and the Funding Process

- The Groveland Community Preservation Committee (CPC) was designed to be made up of the stakeholders from each of the 4 areas for funding along with other town leaders at the 2004 Town Meeting
- The CPC is responsible for encouraging projects and soliciting both the public and private sector for projects that meet both the state and Groveland CPC criteria
- The committee has been active in the past 2 years developing funding criteria for Groveland and put out the first request for proposals (RFP) in October 2006
- The CPC received five proposals and after carefully examining them determined they fully meet the state and Groveland criteria. The CPC is recommending Town Meeting fund all five projects

Recommended projects for 2007

- Historic Survey of Groveland - Will fund a survey of all Groveland's resources – *Article 27*
- Re-roofing of a historic building at Veasey Park - Will restore an important town resource using matching funds with a grant from the Friends of Veasey Park – *Article 28*
- Electrical upgrade of historic buildings at Veasey Park - Will deal with safety and make the buildings more useful for town residents – *Article 29*
- Historic Preservation of Washington Hall Phase 1 - Will begin the process to save the second oldest building in Groveland – *Article 30*
- Meadow Pond Reservation Addition - Will add 8 adjoining acres of prime endangered species habitat to the current 60 acre reservation – *Article 31*

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Questions and Answers

How much money is in the fund now and what are the set asides?

The town has collected approximately \$380,000 since FY 2005 and this has been matched at 100% by the state for a total of \$760,000. The 10% set asides are all in place as part of the \$760,000 total, \$76,000 for Open Space, \$76,000 for Affordable Housing and \$76,000 for Historic Preservation.

Can we spend this money on anything else?

These funds cannot be spent on anything except for projects that meet the state and Groveland CPA criteria.

Are we asking the taxpayers for any additional funding?

No more funds are being requested at town meeting, no budget increases, and no overrides. We are asking town meeting to approve funding from CPA funds only for these five projects. The funds have already been collected and matched by the state.

Why aren't there projects for affordable housing or recreation this year?

No organizations submitted proposals this year for these two areas. The CPC will be soliciting for projects in these areas for future years.

Is there a conflict of interest?

We have been asked why members of Open Space and Trails, Historic Commission and Conservation get to bring forward proposals before the CPC when we are on the CPC. Isn't this a conflict? The answer is NO. The state mandates that stakeholders of the areas of concern for CPA be on the committee and be active in soliciting and bringing forward projects in these areas.

Can anyone else recommend a project or change a project at town meeting for CPA funds?

The Act mandates that once the CPC recommends a project for town meeting it cannot be changed. No other group besides the CPC can bring projects for CPA funds to town meeting.

When is the next round of funding?

The next round of funding will open up this fall 2007 with a new request for proposals and all groups able to meet the criteria are encouraged to apply. See our town website page for the RFP.

**The CPC believes it is an important and historic step in Groveland to show we care about protecting and preserving the character and history of our town in a *fiscally responsible manner*.
The CPC asks for your support on articles 27-31!**