



**Article: 77**

**Warrant Article Title:**

APPROPRIATION / COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND

**Warrant Article Text:**

To see if the Town will vote to make appropriations from the Community Preservation Fund for eligible community preservation projects; for community preservation reserve accounts for historic preservation, open space and recreation, and affordable housing; for Community Preservation Act Committee administrative expenses or other eligible expenses; or take any action related thereto.

**Requested By:**

the Community Preservation Act Committee

**Report Excerpt:**

There are three votes.

**Vote 1 Comment:** These transfers, taken immediately prior to the CPA project appropriation votes that follow, ensure that the Town complies with the state legal requirement to either appropriate or reserve at least 10% of estimated annual CPA revenues (est. \$2,598,749) in each of the three CPA project areas.

Although these transferred funds are immediately recommended for appropriation in their entirety in the next vote, this action ensures that the Town maintains compliance should Town Meeting reduce or reject the recommended appropriations, or does not become retroactively out of compliance with state law should any approved project not proceed as planned. (In such an event, the reserved funds would remain in or be returned to the

dedicated account for future appropriation in that CPA project area.)

**Vote 2 Comment:** The CPAC recommends the CPA projects to Town Meeting for FY2027 funding, having carefully vetted each application for compliance with the CPA law, feasibility, importance, cost justification, sustainability and other criteria.

**Vote 3 Comment:** The expenses are explained starting on page 5 of the CPAC Report.

[The Finance Committee] endorses the projects recommended by the Community Preservation Act Committee. (13-3-1)

**Vote Language:**

1. That the Town take the following actions regarding dedicated CPA project area reserves:
  - a. Transfer the sum of \$259,875 from FY2027 Community Preservation Fund revenues to a CPA Open Space and Recreation Reserve account, for later Town Meeting appropriation for open space and recreational land purposes; and
  - b. Transfer the sum of \$259,875 from FY2027 Community Preservation Fund revenues to a CPA Historic Preservation Reserve account for later Town Meeting appropriation for historic preservation purposes; and
  - c. Transfer the sum of \$259,875 from FY2027 Community Preservation Fund revenues to a CPA Community Housing Reserve account for later Town Meeting appropriation for community housing purposes.
  
2. That the Town take the following actions to appropriate funds for FY2027 CPA projects, with each project considered a separate appropriation:
  - a. Appropriate the sum of \$300,000 from the Community Preservation Fund revenues for the Cusack Terrace Fire Alarm and Sprinkler Upgrade project for the preservation of

community housing, subject to the condition that a grant agreement between the Arlington Housing Authority and the Town be executed, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Arlington Housing Authority and the Community Preservation Act Committee;

- b. Appropriate the sum of \$20,000 from the Community Preservation Fund revenues for the Homelessness Prevention Funding project for the support of community housing, subject to the condition that a grant agreement between the Housing Corporation of Arlington and the Town be executed, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Housing Corporation of Arlington and the Community Preservation Act Committee;
- c. Appropriate the sum of \$500,000 from the Community Preservation Fund revenues for the Emma's Court project for the creation of community housing, with \$259,875 being appropriated from the Community Housing Reserve Account and \$240,125 being appropriated from Community Preservation Fund revenues, subject to the condition that a grant agreement between the Housing Corporation of Arlington and the Town be executed, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Housing Corporation of Arlington and the Community Preservation Act Committee;
- d. Appropriate the sum of \$750,000 from Community Preservation Fund revenues for the Crosby Courts Renovation – Rehabilitation project for the rehabilitation of recreational land, with \$259,875 being appropriated from the Open Space and Recreation Reserve Account and \$490,125 being appropriated from Community Preservation Fund revenues, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Arlington Parks and Recreation Commission and the Community Preservation Act Committee;
- e. Appropriate the sum of \$300,000 from Community Preservation Fund revenues for the Veterans Memorial Park Renovation project for the rehabilitation of recreational land, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Veterans Services Division of the Department of Health and

- Human Services and the Community Preservation Act Committee;
- f. Appropriate the sum of \$140,000 from Community Preservation Fund revenues for the Cooke's Hollow Preservation project for the preservation of open space, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Department of Planning and Community Development and the Community Preservation Act Committee;
  - g. Appropriate the sum of \$900,000 from the Community Preservation Fund revenues for the Town Hall Building Envelope Restoration – Design Phase project for the preservation, rehabilitation and restoration of historic resources, with \$259,875 being appropriated from the Historic Preservation Reserve Account and \$640,125 being appropriated from Community Preservation Fund revenues, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Town and the Community Preservation Act Committee;
  - h. Appropriate the sum of \$47,500 from the Community Preservation Fund revenues for the 2026-2027 Historical Society Digitization project for the preservation of historic resources, subject to the condition that a grant agreement between the Arlington Historical Society and the Town be executed, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Arlington Historical Society and the Community Preservation Act Committee.
3. That the Town take the following action regarding administrative expenses:
- a. Appropriate \$93,000 from FY2027 Community Preservation Fund revenues to the CPA Administrative Expenses account for eligible FY2027 administrative expenses, such funds to be expended under the direction of the Community Preservation Act Committee.

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