

The Community Preservation Committee is comprised of representatives from each of the following committees:

- Planning Board
- Historic District/Historic Commission
- Real Estate & Open Space Committee
- Conservation Commission
- Housing Authority
- Housing Committee
- Recreation & Youth Commission
- Two Selectmen appointees



Photo of Elmer Crowell Barn, courtesy of the Harwich Historical Society



The courts at Brooks Park



Take an active role in impacting the use of Town tax dollars on efforts that create an increasingly vibrant Harwich!

CPC ANNUAL CALENDAR FOR PROJECT FUNDING REQUESTS

- July 1** - Application packets available on-line or at Selectmen's Office
- July 1 thru October 1** - Applications may be submitted anytime during this period
- October 1** - Application deadline, 4 pm
- October, November, December** - Presentations made to Committee by project managers
- December, January** - Deliberation, voting, and recommendations made to BOS and Finance Committee
- February thru May** - warrant articles are drawn up and reviewed by legal dept.
- May** - Town Meeting: vote on CPC recommendations for funding
- July 1** - if warrant articles are approved at Town Meeting, funds available to be released

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Town of Harwich website.
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We want to hear from you!*



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COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT

An Explanation

- What is the CPA?*
- How is it funded?*
- Why do we have it?*
- Who does it impact?*

**OPEN SPACE
COMMUNITY HOUSING
HISTORIC PRESERVATION
RECREATION**

WHAT: The Community Preservation Act (CPA) is a smart growth tool that helps communities preserve and protect open space and historic sites (including documents and artifacts), create and support affordable housing, and develop recreational facilities. **

HOW: The CPA Fund monies are raised through the imposition of a surcharge of not more than 3% of the tax levy against real property. Take a look at your property bill.

TAXPAYER'S COPY		
Town of Harwich Fiscal Year 2018 Actual Real Estate Tax Bill		
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS		
DESC	AMOUNT	INT
Total Special Assessments \$0.00		
Land Value	\$290,800	
Building Value	\$168,800	
Taxable Value	\$459,600	

Interest at the rate of 14% per annum will accrue on overdue payments from the due date until payment is made.

3rd Quarter Receipt		
Keep This Portion As Your Receipt		
Bill Date	12/29/2017	Bill No.
Real Estate Tax	\$4,044.48	
CPA	\$121.33	
Special Assessments	\$0.00	
Exemptions/Abatements	\$0.00	
Total Tax/Spec. Assess.	\$4,165.81	
Total Preliminary Tax	\$1,961.46	
Current Payments/Credits	\$1,961.46	
Past Due	\$0.00	
Interest	\$0.00	
Fees	\$0.00	
3rd Quarter Installment	\$1,102.18	
AMOUNT DUE	\$1,102.18	
	2/1/2018	

Abatement applications are due in the Assessor's office by 2/1/2018.

WHY: Property taxes traditionally fund day to day operating needs of safety, schools, roads, maintenance, and more. The CPA provides a funding source for preserving and improving a community's character and quality of life. **

**Taken from the Community Preservation Coalition website



Photo of Muddy Creek by Stephanie Foster

WHO: CPA funding impacts everyone! Preservation, recreational and housing initiatives funded by the CPA typically improve the quality of town life in some important way, making Harwich a more enjoyable, interesting and attractive place for both residents and visitors.

Notable CPA - funded projects:

- Acquisition and protection of approx. 122 acres of open space land parcels
- Major restoration work at Brooks Free Library and Chase Library
- Brooks Park expansion and improvements, including pickleball courts
- Establishment of the Harwich Affordable Housing Trust, to assist in reaching goals for increased affordable housing units in town
- Veterans Memorial Field fitness stations
- Bike Trail safety crossing lights
- Whitehouse Field improvements; including irrigation, fencing, scoreboard
- Restoration of historic facilities - South Harwich Meeting House and Albro House
- Habitat for Humanity community housing
- New and safer Lifeguard Stands
- New Restroom facilities at town beaches
- Restoration of Elmer Crowell Barn and Workshop
- Preservation and Digitization of photos, newspapers, and historic records
- Affordable Housing Buy-Down and Rental Assistance programs
- Bocce Courts at Brooks Park



Your CPA Funds at Work



Brooks Library Restoration



Brooks Park Playground

How you can participate:

PUBLIC COMMENT: The Community Preservation Committee (CPC) meets once a month and there is an opportunity for public comment at the beginning of each meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING: An annual public hearing is mandated and the CPC welcomes and values your input. Come and express your priorities for the use of CPA funds; add your voice to help decide WHO gets to spend CPA dollars and give input about HOW those dollars are spent.

CHANNEL 18: Meetings are videotaped live and available on Channel 18. Check out the town website and link to the CPC.

A strong CPA program includes public participation!!!