

2/14/19



**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**

**CPC CALENDAR FOR PROJECT
FUNDING REQUESTS 2019-20:**

July 1 - Application packets available
on-line or at Selectmen's Office

July 1 thru October 1, 2019 - Applications
may be submitted anytime during this
period

October 1, 2019 - Application deadline, 4PM

October-November-December - Presentations
made to Committee by project managers

December-January (2020) - Deliberation,
voting, and recommendations made to BOS
and Finance Committee

February thru May - warrant articles are
drawn up and reviewed by the legal dept.

May - Town Meeting - vote on CPC
recommendations for funding

July 1, 2020 - if warrant articles are approved
at Town Meeting, funds available to be
released

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE:

Comprised of representatives from each of
the following committees - Planning Board,
Historic District/Historic Commission, Real
Estate & Open Space Committee, Conserva-
tion Commission, Housing Authority, Housing
Committee, Recreation & Youth Commission,
and 2 Selectmen appointees.

Go to the Town of Harwich website; look us up
and reach out. We want to hear from you!

**TAKE AN ACTIVE ROLE IMPACTING THE USE
OF TOWN TAX DOLLARS ON EFFORTS THAT
CREATE AN INCREASINGLY VIBRANT
HARWICH!**

Picture of
Brooks Park -
Pickleball

Picture of
Whitehouse Field

**YOUR CPA FUNDS AT WORK
BROOKS LIBRARY RESTORATION**

Picture Brooks Library

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.

Next **PUBLIC HEARING - JUNE 13, 2019 - 6 PM**

A strong CPA program includes public participation!!!

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 & Albro House.**
- ***Habitat for Humanity** community housing
- *New and safer **Lifeguard Stands**
- *New **Restroom facilities** at town beaches
- *Restoration of **Elmer Crowell Barn/Wshp**
- ***Preservation and Digitization** of photos, newspapers, and historic records
- *Affordable Housing **Buy-Down** and **Rental Assistance** programs
- ***Bocce Courts** at Brooks Park

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	\$290,000	
Building Value	\$188,000	
Taxable Value	\$469,800	

Interest at the rate of 14% per annum will accrue on overdue payments from the due date until payment is made.
Payments made after 12/12/2017 may not be reflected on this bill.

3rd Quarter Receipt
Keep This Portion As Your Receipt

Bill Date	12/29/2017	Bill No.	1122
From Estate Tax		\$4,044.40	
CPA		\$121.00	
Special Assessments		\$0.00	
Exemptions/Abatements		\$0.00	
Total Tax/Spec. Assess.		\$4,165.40	
Total Preliminary Tax		\$1,981.40	
Current Payments/Credits		\$1,981.40	
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.

Picture Muddy Creek

* Taken from the Community Preservation Committee website