

## COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

### Annual Report 2019

The Community Preservation Committee had a very good year in 2019. The Committee recommended that Town voters approve six applications covering each of the four allowable sectors:

- Historic Preservation,
- Open Space,
- Recreation, and
- Affordable Housing.

Rockport voters approved five applications at the Fall 2019 Town Meeting.

The total projects funded in 2019 amount to \$400,300:

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Amount and Project</u>
Rockport Library	\$27,400 for engineering services to assess drainage, moisture and humidity concerns in and around and for the preservation and rehabilitation of the historic library
Sandy Bay Historical Society	\$49,900 for the restoration, rehabilitation and historic preservation of the roof, structure, and chimney of the historical museum
Town Administrator	\$23,000 to conduct a professional affordable housing needs assessment
Conservation Commission	\$100,000 to the Conservation Commission Trust Fund
Harborlight Community Partners	\$200,000 for the creation, construction, and establishment of an affordable housing community at 5 Granite Street, Rockport

The CPC also made bonds payments for the Community House and Millbrook Meadow projects in the amount of \$325,489.

From the beginning in 2003 until the end of 2019 the Rockport Community Preservation Committee has funded \$10,648,796 in projects. Open Space has received \$2,398,843; Recreation has received \$655,263; Historic Preservation has received \$4,730,440; and Affordable Housing has received \$2,864,250.

For the September 2020 Town Meeting, our Treasurer, Mel Michaels, estimates that the Community Preservation Committee will have funding available in the amount of approximately \$1.5 million. That is somewhat more than what the Committee had to work with in 2019. The Committee routinely sets aside a significant reserve for extraordinary opportunities (approximately \$500,000). Therefore, after debt service and administrative expenses \$800,000 should be available for new applications in 2020.

The Community Preservation Committee members are Phil Crotty, Chairman; Erin Battistelli, Vice Chairman; Mel Michaels, Treasurer; Beth Brosnan (Housing Authority ); Jim Ugone (Historical Commission); Hank Betts (Planning Board); Larry Neal (DPW); Will Ruhl (Conservation Commission); and Jon Hartl. The Committee meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 6 PM in the Rockport Police Station Community Room. We encourage public attendance.

Applications for 2020 are due not later than Monday February 3, 2020 at 4PM at the Town Clerk's office. Please check the Community Preservation Committee website for the application. For further questions call the chairman at 845-401-8000.

Respectfully submitted,

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*Chairman*, Community Preservation Committee