

Town of Canton General By-Laws, as Revised 2010

Article XVI Miscellaneous

Section 19. Community Preservation Committee¹⁶⁻¹⁹

19.1 The Community Preservation Committee is established consisting of nine voting members pursuant to G. L. Chapter 44 B.

19.2 The Community Preservation Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen and consist of one member each from the:

19.2.1 Conservation Commission as designated by the Conservation Commission, Historical Commission as designated by the Historical Commission and Planning Board as designated by the Planning Board for an initial term of three years and thereafter for a term of three years;

19.2.2 Recreation Commission as designated by the Recreation Commission and Housing Authority as designated by the Housing Authority and the Canton School Committee as designated by the Canton School Committee, for an initial term of two years and thereafter for a term of three years;

19.2.3 Board of Selectmen as designated by the Board of Selectmen, Capital Planning Committee as designated by the Capital Planning Committee and one community member, appointed for an initial term of one year and thereafter for a term of three years.

19.3 The Community Preservation Commission shall study the needs, possibilities, and resources of the Town regarding community preservation. The Committee shall consult with existing municipal boards and hold one or more public informational hearings yearly on the needs, possibilities and resources of the Town regarding community preservation. Notice of these public hearings shall be posted publicly and published for each of two weeks preceding a hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town.

¹⁶⁻¹⁸ Inserted under article 16, ATM 2006.

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19.4 The Community Preservation Committee shall make recommendations to the Town Meeting for the acquisition, creation and preservation of open space; for the acquisition, preservation, rehabilitation and restoration of historic resources; for the acquisition, creation and preservation of land for recreational use; for the creation, preservation and support of community housing; and for the rehabilitation or restoration of open space, land for recreational use and community housing that is acquired or created as provided in G.L. Chapter 44 B. With respect to community housing, the Community Preservation Committee shall recommend, wherever possible, the reuse of existing buildings or construction of new buildings on previously developed sites.

19.5 The Community Preservation Committee may include in its recommendation to the Town Meeting a recommendation to set aside for later spending funds for specific purposes consistent with the Community Preservation Act.

19.6 The Community Preservation Committee shall not meet or conduct business without the presence of a quorum. A majority of the members of the Community Preservation Committee shall constitute a quorum. The Community Preservation Committee shall approve its actions by majority vote. Recommendations to the Town Meeting shall include their anticipated costs