



# *Town of Cohasset*

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November 29, 2001

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify that the following article was contained in the warrant for the Special Town Meeting held on Monday, November 5, 2001 at the Cohasset High School Sullivan Gymnasium and was voted and acted upon as follows:

## **ARTICLE 16:**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article V - "Appointed Standing Town Boards and Committee" of the General Bylaws be hereby amended by adding the following new section 20, entitled "Community Preservation Committee" as follows:

### **SECTION 20. COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

- (a) The Community Preservation Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen and shall consist of nine (9) members to be made up as follows:

One Member shall be a member of the Conservation Commission  
One Member shall be a member of the Historical Commission  
One Member shall be a member of the Planning Board  
One Member shall be a member of the Board of Park Commissioners  
One Member shall be a member of the Housing Authority  
One Member shall be a member of the Water Commission  
Three Members shall be citizens of the Town

- (b) The members shall be appointed to three (3) year terms, the conclusion of each term being the end of the fiscal year. Initially, three members shall be appointed to three (3) year terms; three members shall be appointed to two (2) year terms; and three members shall be appointed to one (1) year terms; so that three members shall be appointed each fiscal year.
- (c) The Community Preservation Committee shall not meet or conduct business without the presence of a quorum, except to adjourn from time to time. A majority of the members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum. The Committee shall approve its actions by a majority vote of those voting and present. The Community Preservation Committee is responsible for evaluating the community preservation needs of the Town of Cohasset and making recommendations to Town Meeting.

- (d) Subject to any and all responsibilities set forth in Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44B, Sections 5(b)(1) through 5(b)(3)(c), the Committee shall study the needs, possibilities and resources of the Town regarding community preservation. The Committee shall consult with existing municipal boards, including the Board of Selectmen, the Conservation Commission, the Historical Commission, the Planning Board, the Recreation Commission, the Water Commission, the Open Space Committee, and the Housing Authority in conducting such studies. As part of its study, the Committee shall review the Town Master Plan and hold one or more public informational hearings on the needs, possibilities and resources of the Town regarding community preservation, notice of which shall be posted publicly and published for each of two weeks preceding a hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town.
- (e) Subject to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44B, Sections 5(b)(2) through 5(b)(3)(c), the Committee shall make recommendations to the Town Meeting for the acquisition and preservation of historic resources, for the acquisition, creation and preservation 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 rehabilitation or restoration of such open space, historical resources, land for recreational use and community housing that is acquired or created as provided in this section. With respect to community housing, the Committee shall recommend, wherever possible, the reuse of existing buildings or construction of new buildings on previously developed sites.
- (f) The Committee may include in its recommendations to Town Meeting, a recommendation to set aside, for later spending, funds for specific purposes that are consistent with community preservation, but for which sufficient revenues are not then available in the community preservation fund to accomplish that specific purpose or set aside for later spending funds for general purposes that are consistent with community preservation.
- (g) Subject to the requirement of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44B, Section 5(d), Section 5(e) and Section 6, the Town Meeting may make appropriations from or reservations of community preservation funds in the amount recommended by the committee or it may reduce or reject a recommended amount. The Committee shall keep a record of its recommendations to the Town Meeting and the specific action taken on them.
- (h) The Committee shall maintain an inventory of all real property interest acquired, disposed of or improved after the Committee's recommendations are acted on by Town Meeting.

**Moved** that Article V - "Appointed Standing Town Boards and Committee" of the General Bylaws be hereby amended by adding the following new section 20, entitled "Community Preservation Committee" as follows:

## **SECTION 20. COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

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 One Member shall be a member of the Historical Commission  
 One Member shall be a member of the Planning Board  
 One Member shall be a member of the Board of Park Commissioners  
 One Member shall be a member of the Housing Authority  
 One Member shall be a member of the Open Space Committee  
 Three Members shall be citizens of the Town

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- (e) Subject to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44B, Sections 5(b)(2) through 5(b)(3)(c), the Committee shall make recommendations to the Town Meeting for the acquisition and preservation of historic resources, for the acquisition, creation and preservation of open space, for the acquisition, creation and preservation of land for recreational use, for the creation, preservation and support of community housing and for rehabilitation or restoration of such open space, historical resources, land for recreational use and community housing that is acquired or created as provided in this section. With respect to community housing, the Committee shall recommend, wherever possible, the reuse of existing buildings or construction of new buildings on previously developed sites.
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**Motion adopted.**

A True Record, ATTEST:



Marion L. Douglas, Town Clerk of Cohasset