

Chapter 185

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

§ 185-1. Membership; term; appointment.

§ 185-2. Purpose.

§ 185-3. Recommendations.

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Town Council of the Town of East Longmeadow as Ch. 10, § 10.080, of the 1982 General Bylaws; amended in its entirety 4-12-2022. Subsequent amendments noted where applicable.]

§ 185-1. Membership; term; appointment.

- A. The Community Preservation Committee shall consist of nine members serving three-year terms. The following boards will each designate a member to sit on this Committee:
- (1) Conservation Commission.
 - (2) Historical Commission.
 - (3) Housing Authority.
 - (4) Planning Board.
 - (5) Board of Public Works.
 - (6) Recreation Commission.
- B. The Town Manager shall appoint an additional three at-large members.

§ 185-2. Purpose.

Pursuant to MGL c. 44B, § 5, the Community Preservation Committee shall study the needs, possibilities and resources of the Town regarding community preservation, including the consideration of regional projects for community preservation. The Committee shall consult with existing municipal boards, including the Conservation Commission, the Historical Commission, the Recreation Commission, the Planning Board, the Board of Public Works and the Housing Authority, in conducting such studies. As part of the study, the Committee shall hold one or more public information hearings on the needs, possibilities and resources of the Town regarding community preservation possibilities and resources.

§ 185-3. Recommendations.

- A. The Community Preservation Committee shall make recommendations to the Town Council for the acquisition, creation and preservation of open space; for the acquisition, preservation, rehabilitation and restoration of historic resources; for the acquisition, creation, preservation, rehabilitation and restoration of land for recreational use; for the

acquisition, creation, preservation and support of community housing; and for the rehabilitation or restoration of open space and community housing that is acquired or created as provided in MGL c. 44B; provided, however, that funds expended pursuant to MGL c. 44B shall not be used for maintenance.

- B. The Community Preservation Committee may include in its recommendation to the Town Council 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. All recommendations to the Town Council shall include their anticipated costs.
- C. The Community Preservation Committee shall submit to the Town Council at a public hearing the Committee's recommendations for the appropriation from the Community Preservation Fund and such additional non-Community Preservation Fund appropriations as it deems appropriate to carry out the recommendations of the Community Preservation Committee. The Town Council shall vote to approve or veto the appropriation request by a majority vote.