

EASTON  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
6.4.2001

**ARTICLE 23.** To see if the Town will vote to establish a standing committee of the Town to be known as the Community Preservation Committee, which shall consist of nine (9) persons.

A. Members shall consist of, and be appointed as provided in, the following:

1. One member of the Conservation Commission, as designated by said Commission, for a term of three (3) years;
2. One member of the Historical Commission, as designated by said Commission, initially for a term of two (2) years, and thereafter for a term of three (3) years;
3. One member of the Recreation Commission, as designated by said Commission, initially for a term of one (1) year, and thereafter for a term of three (3) years;
4. One member of the Housing Authority, as designated by said Authority, for a term of three (3) years;
5. One member of the Planning & Zoning Board, as designated by said Board, initially for a term of two (2) years, and thereafter for a term of three (3) years.
6. Four citizens at large, appointed by the Board of Selectmen. Initially one citizen at large shall be appointed for a term of three years, one citizen at large for a term of two years, and two citizens at large for terms of one year; thereafter, all such appointments shall be for terms of three (3) years. These positions shall be advertised to the public in like manner as all other standing committees of the Town. As to at least one of said citizens at large, preference shall be given to a member or director of the Natural Resources Trust of Easton, Inc.

B. The purpose of said Committee shall be to carry out the functions described therefor in Chapter 267 of the Acts of 2000, known as the Community Preservation Act. Said Committee shall be guided by Sections (b)(1) through (b)(3), inclusive, of said Act.

C. The Committee shall meet as it deems appropriate, not less than once in each quarter, and shall evaluate such proposals as are submitted to it for use of the funds available to the Town under said Community Preservation Act. It shall prioritize them in such manner as, in its best judgment, shall allow the Town to best utilize its funds available under said Act.

D. The Committee shall prepare and submit to the Town Meeting a report recommending the application of said Community Preservation Act funds in accordance with its priorities as determined for the year. It shall prepare such further reports as the Board of Selectmen and/or the Town Meeting may direct. Such report shall contain within the same the estimated costs of every such acquisition and/or expenditure recommended.

E. The Committee may, but need not, utilize such funds as are permitted to it under said Act for staff, or for administrative expenses. A majority of the Committee shall constitute a quorum for meeting and/or voting purposes.

Or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

*(This was moved "as printed in Warrant except last sentence of A.(6) is to be deleted." The following is the correct wording of the VOTED Article):*

**MOVED TO ESTABLISH A STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE TOWN TO BE KNOWN AS THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE, WHICH SHALL CONSIST OF NINE (9) PERSONS.**

**A. MEMBERS SHALL CONSIST OF, AND BE APPOINTED AS PROVIDED IN, THE FOLLOWING;**

1. ONE MEMBER OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION, AS DESIGNATED BY SAID COMMISSION, FOR A TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS;
2. ONE MEMBER OF THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION, AS DESIGNATED BY SAID COMMISSION, INITIALLY FOR A TERM OF TWO (2) YEARS, AND THEREAFTER FOR A TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS;
3. ONE MEMBER OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION, AS DESIGNATED BY SAID COMMISSION, INITIALLY FOR A TERM OF ONE (1) YEAR, AND THEREAFTER FOR A TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS;
4. ONE MEMBER OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY, AS DESIGNATED BY SAID AUTHORITY, FOR A TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS;
5. ONE MEMBER OF THE PLANNING & ZONING BOARD, AS DESIGNATED BY SAID BOARD, INITIALLY FOR A TERM OF TWO (2) YEARS, AND THEREAFTER FOR A TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS.
6. FOUR CITIZENS AT LARGE, APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN. INITIALLY ONE CITIZEN AT LARGE SHALL BE APPOINTED FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS, ONE CITIZEN AT LARGE FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS, AND TWO CITIZENS AT LARGE FOR TERMS OF ONE YEAR; THEREAFTER, ALL SUCH APPOINTMENTS SHALL BE FOR TERMS OF THREE (3) YEARS. THESE POSITIONS SHALL BE ADVERTISED TO THE PUBLIC IN LIKE MANNER AS ALL OTHER STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE TOWN.

B. THE PURPOSE OF SAID COMMITTEE SHALL BE TO CARRY OUT THE FUNCTIONS DESCRIBED THEREFOR IN CHAPTER 267 OF THE ACTS OF 2000, KNOWN AS THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT. SAID COMMITTEE SHALL BE GUIDED BY SECTIONS (B)(1) THROUGH (B)(3), INCLUSIVE, OF SAID ACT.

C. THE COMMITTEE SHALL MEET AS IT DEEMS APPROPRIATE, NOT LESS THAN ONCE IN EACH QUARTER, AND SHALL EVALUATE SUCH PROPOSALS AS ARE SUBMITTED TO IT FOR USE OF THE FUNDS AVAILABLE TO THE TOWN UNDER SAID COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT. IT SHALL PRIORITIZE THEM IN SUCH MANNER AS, IN ITS BEST JUDGMENT, SHALL ALLOW THE TOWN TO BEST UTILIZE ITS FUNDS AVAILABLE UNDER SAID ACT.

D. THE COMMITTEE SHALL PREPARE AND SUBMIT TO THE TOWN MEETING A REPORT RECOMMENDING THE APPLICATION OF SAID COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT FUNDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS PRIORITIES AS DETERMINED FOR THE YEAR. IT SHALL PREPARE SUCH FURTHER REPORTS AS THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND/OR THE TOWN MEETING MAY DIRECT. SUCH REPORT SHALL CONTAIN WITHIN THE SAME THE ESTIMATED COSTS OF EVERY SUCH ACQUISITION AND/OR EXPENDITURE RECOMMENDED.

E. THE COMMITTEE MAY, BUT NEED NOT, UTILIZE SUCH FUNDS AS ARE PERMITTED TO IT UNDER SAID ACT FOR STAFF, OR FOR ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES. A MAJORITY OF THE COMMITTEE SHALL CONSTITUTE A QUORUM FOR MEETING AND/OR VOTING PURPOSES.

**UNANIMOUS VOTE.**