

## Town of Sturbridge

**ARTICLE 22: COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE:**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter One of the Town of Sturbridge General Bylaws, by adopting the following:

## 1.70 Community Preservation Committee

## 1.71 Establishment

There is hereby established a Community Preservation Committee, consisting of nine (9) voting members pursuant to MGL Chapter 44B. The Town Administrator shall appoint all members of the Committee, with the confirmation of the Board of Selectmen. The composition shall be as follows:

- (a) One member from the Conservation Commission for a term of three years.
- (b) One member from the Historical Commission for a term of three years.
- (c) One member from the Planning Board for a term of three years.
- (d) One member from the Recreation Committee for a term of three years.
- (e) One member from the Open Space Committee for an initial term of one year and thereafter for terms of three years.
- (f) One member of the Housing Authority for an initial term of one year and thereafter for a term of three years.
- (g) Three additional at-large members to be appointed by the Town Administrator, with the confirmation of the Board of Selectmen. One of which will be appointed for an initial term of one year and thereafter for three years and two members to be appointed for an initial term of two years and thereafter for terms of three years.

Should any of the Commissions, Boards or Committees listed above, no longer exist for whatever reason, the appointment shall become an at-large appointment in addition to the three listed above.

## 1.72 Duties

- (a) The Community Preservation 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, Conservation Commission, the Historical Commission, the Planning Board, Recreation Committee and the Housing Authority. As part of its study, the Committee shall hold one or more public informational meetings on the needs, possibilities and resources of the Town regarding community preservation possibilities and resources, notice of which shall be posted publicly and published at least two weeks before the public meeting in the official newspaper.
- (b) The Community Preservation Committee shall make recommendations to the Town Meeting for the acquisition, creation and preservation of open space, for the acquisition and preservation of historic resources, for the

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acquisition, creation and preservation of land for recreational use, for the creation, preservation and support of affordable housing and for rehabilitation or restoration of such open space, historic resources, land for recreational use and affordable housing that is acquired or created as provided by this section. With respect to affordable housing, the Community Preservation Committee shall recommend wherever possible, the reuse of existing buildings or construction of new buildings on previously developed lots.

- (c) 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 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 to set aside for later spending, funds for general purposes that are consistent with community preservation.

Or take any action in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Open Space Committee

#### **RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter One of the Town of Sturbridge General Bylaws, by adopting the following:

#### **1.70 Community Preservation Committee**

#### **1.71 Establishment**

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#### **1.72 Duties**

- (d) The Community Preservation 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, Conservation Commission, the Historical Commission, the Planning Board, Recreation Committee and the Housing Authority. As part of its study, the Committee shall hold one or more public informational meetings on the needs, possibilities and resources of the Town regarding community preservation possibilities and resources, notice of which shall be posted publicly and published at least two weeks before the public meeting in the official newspaper.

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- (e) The Community Preservation Committee shall make recommendations to the Town Meeting for the acquisition, creation and preservation of open space, for the acquisition and preservation of historic resources, for the acquisition, creation and preservation of land for recreational use, for the creation, preservation and support of affordable housing and for rehabilitation or restoration of such open space, historic resources, land for recreational use and affordable housing that is acquired or created as provided by this section. With respect to affordable housing, the Community Preservation Committee shall recommend wherever possible, the reuse of existing buildings or construction of new buildings on previously developed lots.
- (f) 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 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 to set aside for later spending, funds for general purposes that are consistent with community preservation.

Or take any action in relation thereto.

#### RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

*That the Town vote to approve the article as written.*

A substitute motion was made to change section 1.71 of the original "Establishment" to the following:

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There is hereby established a Community Preservation Committee, consisting of nine (9) voting members pursuant to MGL Chapter 44B. The Town Administrator shall appoint all members of the Committee whose appointment is not otherwise provided for, with the confirmation of the Board of Selectmen. The composition shall be as follows:

- (a) One member from the Conservation Commission as designated by the Commission, for a term of three years.
- (b) One member from the Historical Commission as designated by the Commission, for a term of three years.
- (c) One member from the Planning Board as designated by the Board, for a term of three years.
- (d) One member from the Recreation Committee as designated by the Committee, for a term of three years.
- (e) One member from the Open Space Committee as designated by the Committee, for an initial term of one year and thereafter for terms of three years.
- (f) One member of the Housing Authority as designated by the Authority, for an initial term of one year and thereafter for a term of three years.
- (g) Three additional at-large members to be appointed by the Town Administrator, with the confirmation of the Board of Selectmen. One of which will be appointed for an initial term of one year and thereafter for three years and two members to be appointed for an initial term of two years and thereafter for terms of three years.

The remainder of the article remains as originally written. The substitute motion was seconded and passed. The vote of the town meeting was to approve the article as amended by a 2/3rds majority in favor as declared by the moderator.

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