

Town of Wayland, MA

Chapter 75. COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Wayland 4-30-2001 by Art. 14. Amendments noted where applicable.]

GENERAL REFERENCES

Boards, commission and committees — See Ch. 6.

§ 75-1. Creation of Committee; composition; term.

[Amended 5-13-2010 ATM by Art. 18]

There is hereby established a Community Preservation Committee, consisting of nine members, including: one member of the Conservation Commission as designated by the Conservation Commission; one member of the Historical Commission as designated by the Historical Commission; one member of the Planning Board as designated by the Planning Board; one member of the Recreation Commission as designated by the Recreation Commission; one member of the Board of Public Works as designated by the Board of Public Works; one member of the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners as designated by the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners; and three members appointed by the Board of Selectmen. Appointees shall serve three-year terms. There shall be no limit on the number of terms served by any individual.

§ 75-2. Meetings.

The Committee shall not meet or conduct business without the presence of a quorum, which shall be a majority of members of the Committee. The Committee shall approve its actions by majority vote.

§ 75-3. Committee to undertake study.

[Amended 5-13-2010 ATM by Art. 18]

The Committee shall study the needs, possibilities and resources of the town regarding community preservation. The Committee shall consult with the Conservation Commission, Board of Public Works, Historical Commission, Planning Board, Recreation Commission and Housing Authority Board of Commissioners in conducting such study. The Committee may consult with other town boards, committees, and commissions, and may utilize previous studies, findings, and other materials from other town boards, committees, and commissions. The Committee shall hold at least one public informational hearing each year on the needs, possibilities, and resources of the town regarding community preservation, for which it will publicly post notice in the Town

Building as designated by the Town Clerk and publish such notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the town for each of two weeks preceding the hearing.

§ 75-4. Recommendations to Town Meeting.

A. The Committee shall make recommendations in proper form 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 community housing; and for rehabilitation or restoration of such open space, historic resources, land for recreational use, and community housing that is acquired or created with funds received in accordance with the Community Preservation Act, Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44B, Sections 3-7.

B. The Committee shall engage in public discussion of all proposed acquisitions prior to the Town Meeting at which such acquisitions will be considered.

C. In each fiscal year, the Committee shall recommend spending, or setting aside for later spending, not less than 10% of the annual revenues in the Community Preservation Fund for each of open space (not including land for active recreation purposes), historic resources, and community housing. The Committee may also recommend an appropriation of not more than 5% of the annual revenues of the Community Preservation Fund for the Committee's administrative and operating expenses.

D. The Committee may recommend to Town Meeting that funds be set aside for later spending for specific purposes consistent with the Community Preservation Act, when sufficient revenues are not then available in the Community Preservation Fund, or for general purposes consistent with community preservation.

E. Recommendations to Town Meeting shall include the anticipated costs of the proposed acquisition, creation, preservation, and support. In addition to approving appropriations from the Community Preservation Fund, Town Meeting may approve such additional appropriations as it deems appropriate to carry out the recommendations of the Committee.

F. With respect to community housing, the Committee shall recommend, whenever possible, the reuse of existing buildings or construction of new buildings on previously developed sites