

DUXBURY LETTER IN SUPPORT OF CPA – March 2009

To the Editor:

The character of a town like Duxbury is the result of thoughtful, visionary citizens who carefully balance the needs of tomorrow against those of today. The Community Preservation Act has been a wonderful tool that has helped us preserve the very nature of what makes Duxbury, well, Duxbury.

The impact of CPA funds is in the citizens' hands. At Town Meeting, we vote which projects are most important to each of us. We may not all agree on the merits of each project; however, collectively the end result of this program has enhanced the experience of living in Duxbury.

Since the CPA inception in 2001, the citizens of Duxbury have invested about \$6 million. However with the state match and leveraging those dollars with other public funds and private donations, the program has generated \$18 million. That is an amazing investment in preserving and protecting the future of this very special community.

Lowering the CPA to anything below 3 percent jeopardizes Duxbury from receiving the maximum state match. I urge you to support the CPA at its current 3 percent match and vote no on the proposal to reduce the CPA surcharge.

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