

Article 10 Explanations

This article proposes projects recommended by the Community Preservation Committee under Lincoln's Community Preservation Act (CPA) passed at the March, 2002 Annual Town Meeting and the November, 2002 Election. The descriptions of the proposed projects/actions are contained below:

- A. **Debt Service on Town Offices Renovation-** The 2011 Town Meeting approved project costs of \$6.8 million to renovate the Town Office Building. Of that total, \$1,000,000 was appropriated from CPA funds to reduce the Town borrowing. The annual debt service on the bond is \$386,275. It is recommended that CPA funds be used for this historic purpose in FY 2020.
- B. **Codman Farm Barn B, C and office roofs-** This project will remove and replace all existing roofing on Barns B, C and attached office roofs, and will be worked in coordination with the Codman Community Farm for the installation of photovoltaic solar panels. To date the Codman Community Farm has received two grants, both in the amount of \$25,000, as well as \$50,000 in private donations to support photovoltaic solar panels on the roofs. The grants will expire at the end of June 2019, and therefore the CPC is hopeful the town will support funding the roofs from CPA general fund balance in order to meet the grant deadline.
- C. **Housing Commission –Rental Assistance Program-** This project will support community housing by offering the opportunity for low-income residents who are homeless or who are at risk of homelessness to remain in our community through assistance in paying rent on affordable housing units or by providing emergency shelter until permanent affordable housing can be arranged.
- D. **First Book of Records 1754-1806-** The Town of Lincoln was incorporated in 1754 and its first Town Meeting was held on April 26, 1754. Before typewriters, minutes of official meetings were handwritten in blank books. The First Book of Records 1754-1806 begins when Lincoln was incorporated as a Town. This book is a primary source for people researching the beginnings of the Town of Lincoln.
- E. **Pierce House Headwall Culvert –** The headwall over the culvert on the Pierce House property needs to be excavated and reset. When the culvert pipe was placed, the stones above the culvert (which were removed and replaced) were not interlocked, thus causing them to move, slip and create sinkholes around the wall. The engineering study recommended the need to excavate behind the wall and reset the wall in its entirety.
- F. **Codman Pool Water Chemistry Controller System-** The current water chemistry controller system is 17 years old, inefficient and complicated to operate. Local vendors have little experience with the current system and find it difficult to provide hands on support. In recent summers, operation of the chemical feed has required manual adjustments to by-pass the system to maintain safe

chemical levels. It is recommended that the current system be replaced with a system that is more efficient and user friendly.

- G. **FY20 Debt Service Payments-** Debt payment costs associated with the third year of permanent financing for previously voted CPA project pursuant to Article 11 of the March 25, 2017 Town Meeting for the purchase of land and development of an athletic field.
- H. **Administrative Expenses-**These funds will be used primarily to pay the annual membership dues in the Community Preservation Coalition, a statewide organization that represents the interests of CPA communities. Other administrative expenses include costs associated with public information, mailings and public hearings. Any funds not spent prior to the end of FY20 will be returned to the CPA Fund.
- I. **Housing Reserve-** The CPA requires that a minimum of 10% of annual revenues be spent or set aside for affordable housing.
- J. **Open Space/Land Acquisition Reserve-** The CPA requires that a minimum of 10% of annual revenues be spent or set aside for open space/land conservation.
- K. **Historic Preservation Reserve-** The CPA requires that a minimum of 10% of annual revenues be spent or set aside for historic preservation.
- L. **Recreation Reserve-** The CPA permits, but does not require, the Town to spend or set aside funds for recreational purposes. No funds are reserved for recreational purposes at this time.