

TOWN OF FRANKLIN COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE 355 EAST CENTRAL STREET, FRANKLIN, MA 02038

December 20, 2021

Community Preservation Act Public Hearings Set to Begin

Community Preservation Act application process now open

The new portal to accept ideas or applications for funding for Community Preservation is now open. As required by law, the Community Preservation Committee is required to have one public hearing per year to hear input on how to allocate Community Preservation funds. The Franklin CPC has decided on two public sessions in January. The committee legal notice can be found **HERE**. The public hearing dates are:

- 1. January 4, 2022 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers in the Municipal Building at 355 East Central Street; and
- 2. January 18, 2022 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers in the Municipal Building at 355 East Central Street.

Citizens may attend in person, through zoom, offer comments and opinions, ask questions or submit ideas for consideration in our new online portal. Hard copy applications are also available by contacting Alecia Alleyne in the Town Administrator's Office at 508-520-4949 or by emailing <u>aalleyne@franklinma.gov</u>.

The Online application can be found <u>**HERE**</u> or by copying this link into your internet browser: <u>https://franklinma.viewpointcloud.com/categories/1097</u>

The Application for Funding for the fiscal year 2023 (FY23) beginning July 1, 2022 must be received by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, February 28, 2022. After the first year of CPA funding, applications will be then taken on a rolling basis. Applicants should review the <u>State CPA legislation</u> prior to submitting any applications for CPA Funding. Please keep in mind that there are legal limitations on the use of CPA funds. Additional information regarding the CPC & CPA can be found at the following links:

- 1. <u>Community Preservation Coalition</u>
- 2. <u>MA State Legislator Community Preservation</u>
- 3. <u>Secretary of State Page Accepting the CPA</u>

The Community Preservation Act was passed in 2000 to help communities empower themselves to raise a dedicated revenue source for the purposes of open space preservation, historic preservation, affordable housing and recreation. The Town of Franklin approved the Community Preservation Act by local ballot November 2020. Please bookmark the FCPC website: <u>https://www.franklinma.gov/community-preservation-committee</u>