

## Community Preservation Committee – CPA Projects

What does the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) recommend and why?

After holding a Public Forum and several meetings, the CPC has 2 projects to recommend for Town Meeting consideration:

### 1. Graves Memorial Library Historical Preservation, \$177,000 CPA funds (\$17,380 matching funds)



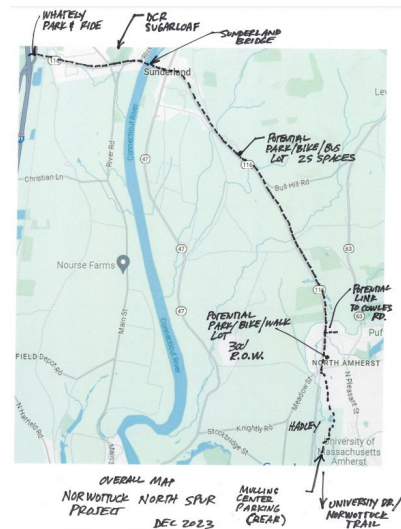
Preserving our historic assets is a key component of the CPA. The Graves Memorial Library is an important historical building in the center of town that represents the Town's rich history while also housing the Swampfield Historical Society. The building is listed on the state's inventory of cultural places, is within the nationally registered Sunderland Center Historic District and is individually listed on the National Register of Historic Places. This project would address all the exterior preservation needs at the Graves Memorial Library as delineated in "Sunderland Municipal Building Assessment" (aka Roy

Brown Report) dated Sept. 3, 2018 and further evaluated by L. Carl Fiocchi Ph.D.

### 2. Norwottuck North Shared Use Path Feasibility Study, \$25,000

(\$246,930 matching funds with grant)

This project is a feasibility study for a shared use path along Rte 116 connecting Sunderland to UMass and the Whately Park & Ride. Providing an off-road alternative in this route would support efforts to improve safe bicycle and pedestrian access in Sunderland, while also influencing a mode shift from vehicular to bicycling for commuters in and around Sunderland. This funding request is part of the local match for the MassTrails grant and is contingent on getting the grant and having legal counsel confirm that CPA funds can be used along the MA DOT Right of Way.



What is the balance of the Community Preservation Fund?

The CPA creates a fund via a property tax surcharge and matching state funds to support town efforts in historical preservation, affordable and senior housing, open space protection and recreation. The Town of Sunderland has received a 100% match from the Commonwealth every year since 2012, bringing the total of the CPA Fund above \$950,000. A recommendation by the Community Preservation Committee and an appropriation by Town Meeting are both required to spend any CPA Fund monies.

We applaud the community leaders who have stepped forward to lead these projects and provide positive development in our town. We encourage you to support them.

Committee Members:

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 Jennifer Unkles, Treasurer (Conservation Commission)  
 Ellie Kurth, Clerk (Planning Board)  
 Stuart Beckley (Housing Committee)  
 Margaret Orelup (Historical Commission)  
 Christyl Drake-Tremblay (At Large)  
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