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Community Preservation Committee

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Article Title:

Community Preservation Committee Appropriation Recommendations

Article (Warrant Language):

ARTICLE XX. To determine whether the Town will vote to appropriate or reserve from the Concord Community Preservation Fund annual revenues, prior year fund balance, and reserves in the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for committee administrative expenses, community preservation projects and other expenses in Fiscal Year 2027; and further to rescind prior appropriations in the sum of \$482,978 from the Community Preservation Fund, appropriated at the 2020 and 2021 Annual Town Meetings, and appropriate that amount to the Open Space Reserve Fund, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation, in accordance with Chapter 44B of the Massachusetts General Laws, to be expended under the direction of the Town Manager as follows:

Item	Project/Description	Category	Specific Reserve Funds	Prior Year Fund Balance	FY26 CPA Fund Revenues	Total Amount Recommended
	APPROPRIATIONS					
A	Town of Concord/Planning – Regional Housing Services Office	Community Housing			\$39,000	\$39,000
B	Concord Municipal Affordable Housing Trust – Implement Housing Production Plan	Community Housing			\$785,500	\$785,500
C	Town of Concord/Natural Resources – Conservation Fund	Open Space	\$482,978		\$17,022	\$500,000
D		Open Space	\$250,000			\$250,000

	Town of Concord/Planning – Assabet River Bridge	Recreation			\$240,570	\$240,570
E	Concord-Carlisle Regional School District – CCHS Amenities Building	Recreation		\$1,417,655		\$1,417,655
F	Town of Concord/Recreation –Rideout Park-Court Renovations	Recreation			\$497,153	\$497,153
G	Thoreau Farm Trust – Thoreau Farm Trail	Recreation			\$300,000	300,000
		Open Space			\$300,000	300,000
H	Town of Concord/Planning/– Concord Reformatory and West Concord Thematic Preservation Study	Historic Preservation	\$45,175		\$54,825	\$100,000
I	Concord Free Public Library –Storm Window Installation	Historic Preservation			\$50,000	\$50,000
J	Town of Concord/Archives –Conservation and Digitization of Town Record Books	Historic Preservation			\$36,000	\$36,000
K	Wright Tavern Legacy Trust –Wright Tavern Energy Project	Historic Preservation			\$81,200	\$81,200
L	Concord Free Public Library –Thoreau Surveys Preservation and Access Project	Historic Preservation			\$27,975	\$27,975
M	CPC Staff and Technical Services	Administration			\$50,000	\$50,000
	TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS					\$4,675,053
	RESERVES					
	Budgeted Reserves	Budgeted Reserves		\$79,532	\$51,699	\$131,231
	TOTAL RESERVES					\$131,231

or take any other action relative thereto.

Article Explanation:

The Town of Concord anticipates a total CPA revenue of \$2,491,944 in fiscal year 2027. Additionally, the prior year’s Budgeted Reserve of \$1,536,187 is available, as are \$250,000 in existing Open Space Reserve Funds and \$103,928 in existing Historic

Preservation Reserve Funds. The estimated total available for appropriation at 2026 Annual Town Meeting is therefore \$4,382,058, plus \$482,978 in proposed rescinded funds.

This article authorizes the appropriation of funds from the Community Preservation Fund for the completion of specific projects, the Concord Municipal Affordable Housing Trust, Conservation Fund, administrative expenses and reserves as listed in the above chart and allowed under the Community Preservation Act. These appropriations will expend a total of \$4,675,053 (with \$824,500 for Community Housing, \$1,050,000 for Open Space, \$2,455,378 for Recreation, \$295,175 for Historic Preservation, and \$50,000 for Administration).

This article further proposes to rescind and reappropriate a total of \$482,978 in Community Preservation Funds originally appropriated for Warner's Pond Dredging and Access Improvements projects. At the April 27, 2020 Annual Town Meeting, Article 44 (G) appropriated \$500,000 from which \$3,022 was spent and \$264,000 remains appropriated for Warner's Pond Boat Launch Improvements, leaving a balance of \$232,978 unused and available to be rescinded. At the June 13, 2021 Annual Town Meeting, Article 34 (M) appropriated \$250,000 which remains unused and available to be rescinded. As both appropriations were made under the Open Space restriction, these funds will be rescinded to the Open Space Reserve and reappropriated to the Conservation Fund.

\$58,753 will remain in Historic Preservation Reserve Funds, and \$131,231 will be placed in CPA Budgeted Reserves. Town Meeting may reduce or reject but may not increase the appropriation from the Community Preservation Fund for any item proposed by the Committee.

Motion (if known at time of submission):

Ms. Isenberg moves that Town Meeting take affirmative action on Article XXX as printed in the Warrant.