



Town of Tisbury Community Preservation Committee

INFORMATION FOR VOTERS

April 25, 2023

In 2005, the Town voted to participate in the State Community Preservation Act (CPA) to raise funds for three specific purposes: Community Housing, Historic Resources and Open Space/Recreation. CPA projects are funded by a surcharge (3%) on property taxes and a grant from State funds. The CPA Act authorized a nine-member Community Preservation Committee (CPC) made up of representatives from relevant Town committees (Affordable Housing, Historic District, Conservation Committee, Planning Board and Open Space & Recreation), and four at large Select Board appointees. The Committee requests and reviews applications for funding every year and makes recommendations to the Town citizenry to vote on at Annual Town Meeting. All recommended projects are specifically voted on at Town Meeting by the citizens of Tisbury. The CPC then helps to develop and administer projects approved by the voters.



Tashmoo Spring Building



Memorial Day Picnic

The CPA is a smart growth tool for the Town which helps create and support affordable housing, preserve historic sites, preserve open space, and develop outdoor recreational facilities. Project examples within those categories approved by voters last year include: Harbor Homes of Martha's Vineyard (\$95,000), Dukes Co. Regional Housing Assistance (\$124,000); Tisbury Cemetery Wall Restoration (\$89,080), Cranberry Bog (\$30,000); Tashmoo Pond Landing and Trail (\$39,200), Lake Street Pickle Ball Court Development (\$50,000). All projects recommended for funding are open to the public. Over the course of the first sixteen years, state matching funds have averaged 51% of the Tisbury surcharge for CPA. This amounts to \$4,085,772 in state funding to the town.



Kuehn's Way
Ribbon Cutting
Photo by Randi Baird



Water Street
Ground Breaking

The CPC encourages applicants to submit Eligibility applications by September 22. Projects must meet the CPA's Eligibility Guidelines. The initial one page application is reviewed by the Committee to determine if the project meets these guidelines. Examples of eligible projects completed in Tisbury include: Ampitheater Access/Safety Upgrade; MV Shellfish Hatchery Stairs and Dock, Lake Street Public Landing; Veteran's Park Basketball Hoops; Fixed Park Amenities; Lagoon Pond Herring Run; Tashmoo Overlook Vista preservation; Kuehn's Way Affordable Housing, Greenwood Avenue Affordable Housing; MV Museum Restoration, Gay Head Lighthouse Preservation, and many others.



Cranberry Bog Barn Restoration



Cranberry Bog Barn Today
Photo by Timothy Johnson

CPA Eligibility guidelines, timelines and information on the application process can be found on the Town of Tisbury website, as well as additional information about the Tisbury Community Preservation Committee and the State of Massachusetts Community Preservation Act:

www.tisburyma.gov/community-preservation-committee

The Community Preservation Committee generally meets on the second Monday of the month, at 5:00 pm at the Tisbury Senior Center. The meetings are open to all and public participation is welcome.



Veteran's Park War Memorial



Veteran's Park Celebration

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