

Community Preservation Committee Report

Annual Town Meeting 2021

What *is* Community Preservation?

The **Community Preservation Act**, passed in 2000, allows Bedford taxpayers to assess a surcharge on our property taxes and receive state matching funds to pay for:

- **Open Space**
- **Affordable Housing**
- **Historic Preservation**
- **Recreation Projects**

Who is on the Committee?

- **Shawn Hanegan** – Planning Board
- **Robin Steele** – Recreation Commission
- **Lauren Crews** – Housing Authority
- **Christina Wilgren** – Housing Partnership
- **Margot Fleischman** – Select Board
- **Katharine Shutkin** – Historic Preservation
- **Steve Hagan** – Conservation Commission
- **Lee Vorderer** – At Large Member
- **Erin Dorr** – At Large Member

How do we decide which projects to fund?

- Urgency
- Serving multiple needs and populations
- Value to Bedford
- Preservation/enhancement of town assets
- Consistency with long range plans
- Environmental impact
- Feasibility of completion in requested year

Community Preservation Budget

Fiscal Year 2022

Estimated FY22 Income

Bedford CPA Surcharge	\$1,757,760
State Trust Fund Estimated Match (@12%)	\$201,000
Interest	\$2,000
FY21 Estimated Undesignated Fund Balance	\$1,722,146
Closed Articles	\$31,682
Total Income and Unrestricted Fund Balance	\$3,714,588

Proposed FY22 Appropriations

Administrative	\$10,000
Affordable Housing Consultant	\$33,000
Bond Payment – 350A Concord Road	\$352,365
Bond Payment – Town Hall MEP Project	\$96,475
Bond Payment – Liljegren Athletic Field	\$117,500
Bond Payment – Bedford Village	\$178,590
Bond Payment – Fawn Lake	\$224,250

Proposed FY22 Appropriations, con't.

Bedford Housing Authority Life Management Program	\$36,103
Old Town Hall Renovation/Rehabilitation	\$159,550
Hartwell Town Forest Boardwalk	\$420,000
Skate Park Rehabilitation	\$18,000
Springs Brook Park Capital	\$55,000
Town/School Grounds Rehabilitation	\$100,000
John Glenn Middle School Tennis/Pickleball Lights	\$50,000
Total Proposed Appropriations:	\$1,850,833

Recommended Appropriations

- Administrative
- Payments for projects bonded in the past
- Continuing projects
- New projects

Administrative

Administrative Expenses

\$10,000

Bond Payments

Project Name	FY22 Payment
FY17 350A Concord Road Bond	\$352,365
Town Hall MEP Project Bond	\$96,475
Liljegren Field Bond	\$117,500
Bedford Village Bond	\$178,590
Fawn Lake Bond	\$224,250
Total Bond Payments	\$969,180

Affordable Housing

Affordable Housing Consultant Services

\$33,000

- Monitor compliance with state and federal programs
- Advertise affordable units in Bedford
- Run housing lotteries for affordable units

Affordable Housing

Bedford Housing Authority Life Management Program

\$36,103

- Supports low-income renters to increase household income and access opportunity
- Financial literacy training
- Employment and educational goal setting

Historic Preservation

Old Town Hall Renovation/Rehabilitation

\$ 159,550

- Alterations to second floor
- Enable possibility of shared-use of space for Museum and Bedford TV

Old Town Hall



Open Space and Recreation

Hartwell Town Forest Boardwalk
\$420,000

**HARTWELL TOWN FOREST
GEORGE JORDAN
CONSERVATION AREA**

TRAIL
MAP



Town of Bedford
Massachusetts

PROPOSED BOARDWALK



Legend

- Main Trail (Blue Blaze) 1.6 mi
- Secondary Trail (Orange Blaze)
- Access Trail (Yellow Blaze)
- Other Trail (No Blaze)
- Wheelchair Access Trail
- Kiosk / Sign
- Picnic Area
- Bench
- Parking Area
- Property Boundary
- Wet Area / Wetland

Map by Bedford Public Works
January 2020



DAVIS ROAD BOARDWALK

Recreation

Skate Park Rehabilitation

\$18,000



Recreation

Springs Brook Park Capital

\$55,000

- Replace pond apron





Recreation

Town/School Grounds Rehabilitation: H-Field

\$100,000

- Refurbish backstops and integrated dugouts
- rehabilitate infield (clay) and outfield (grass)

Recreation

John Glenn Middle School Tennis Court/Pickleball Court Lights

\$50,000

- Installation of lights at the JGMS courts

We need you!

- Review: Give input on the Program and Plan
- Propose: New projects can be proposed by anyone at any time
- Serve: Vacancy for At-Large seat on the Community Preservation Committee

Thank you for your continuing support for
the preservation of Bedford!

