

PRESS RELEASE

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CANTON COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE VOTES TO ACCEPT PRE-APPLICATIONS STARTING 12/12/22

At the November 7th Community Preservation Committee Meeting the CCPC moved “that the Canton Community Preservation Committee open the acceptance of short-form pre-applications to begin on December 12th, 2022, and extend to a date in 2023 (as decided by the CCPC) for the purpose of qualifying potential projects for future consideration. Said pre-applications will be evaluated individually by the CCPC for conformance to the CPA statute and alignment with the upcoming revision of the Canton Community Preservation Plan, and will be considered as an introduction to the general full application process for the next funding round at the spring 2024 annual town meeting or any other special town meeting that may be scheduled.”

In an October press release the CCPC announced that it was pausing the acceptance of full applications until Fall 2023 at the latest (meaning that the CCPC would not be recommending funding for new projects at Annual Town Meeting 2023 but would resume doing so at Annual Town Meeting 2024). This pause remains in effect, but the Committee has voted to accept pre-applications beginning on December 12, 2022. These pre-applications are a normal part of the application process, and accepting them early gives the applicants more time to work with the CCPC to adjust and finely tune their request in advance of the full application process. It also gives the CCPC the opportunity to see what projects are being considered by town boards, committees, youth groups and interested citizens, and how well the spread of pre-applications aligns with the newest update of the Canton Community Preservation Plan (which is still in the editing stage).

The CCPC appreciates the community’s patience as it completes this significant update to its Preservation Plan. As part of the Committee’s charge to study the needs, possibilities, and resources of the Town, the updated Preservation Plan will help guide the CCPC’s future recommendations and is a key stepping stone towards CCPC’s readiness to accept and consider full applications. In the meantime, the Committee encourages potential applicants to utilize the pre-application form to introduce their project ideas to the CCPC.

Pre-application forms can be found at <https://www.town.canton.ma.us/685/CPA-Applications> after the next CCPC meeting (12/5/22).

Please contact CCPC@town.canton.ma.us for more information.