

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Ms Joan Gardner moves to adjourn the Annual Town Meeting at 10:54 PM until April 14, 2008 at the Acton-Boxborough Regional High School Auditorium at 7:00 PM.

MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

April 14, 2008

The Moderator, Mr. Mackenzie, called the meeting to order on Monday, April 14, 2008, at 7:02 PM.

ARTICLE 32 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PROGRAM
(Majority vote) **DIRECT APPROPRIATIONS FROM FUND BALANCE**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or set aside for later appropriation, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen and the Town Manager to expend or set aside, from the FY 2007 Community Preservation Fund balance as set forth herein, the following amounts for community preservation purposes, with such expenditures to be subject to conditions listed in the Article’s Summary and to be further specified in award letters from the Community Preservation Committee, with each item considered a separate appropriation:

FY 2007 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND BALANCE	
FY 2007 Community Preservation Fund Revenues	
Community Preservation Fund Surcharge Collected in FY 2007	\$ 682,395.00
State Community Preservation Trust Fund Receipt, October 2007	\$ 690,028.00
Other FY 2007 Community Preservation Fund Components	
Interest Earned in FY 2007	\$ 137,304.00
Recapture of unspent previous years’ project appropriations	\$ 0.00
Unencumbered FY 2006 Fund Balance	\$ 193,565.14
Total - FY 2007 Community Preservation Fund Balance	\$ 1,703,292.14
APPROPRIATIONS	
Purpose	Recommended Amounts
Set Aside Appropriations for	
A. Acquisition, creation, and preservation of open space, and its rehabilitation and restoration	\$ 500,000.00
Spending Appropriations	
B. Pre-development Funds (Sachem Way), Acton Housing Authority	\$ 136,000.00
C. Administrative Fund, Acton Community Housing Corporation	\$ 15,000.00
D. Community Housing Program Fund	\$ 170,000.00
E. Exchange Hall Renovations	\$ 231,948.00
F. Conant Nature Trails (Conant Elementary School)	\$ 15,000.00
G. Theater III Window Restoration	\$ 46,000.00
H. Trail Through Time	\$ 35,000.00
I. NARA Picnic Pavilion	\$ 250,000.00

J. Elm Street Playground	\$ 75,000.00
K1.West Acton Citizen's Library Renovations	\$ 60,036.00
Administrative Spending Appropriation	
L. CPC direct expenses	\$ 3,500.00
M. A fund reimbursing the Town of Acton for administrative services and operating expenses provided in support of the Community Preservation Committee	\$ 65,121.00
Total Recommended Appropriations from FY 2007 Community Preservation Fund Balance	\$ 1,602,605.00
Remaining FY 2007 Fund Balance	\$ 100,687.14

And, whereas Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 44B requires that the Town appropriate for spending, or set-aside for future spending, from the 2007 Community Preservation Fund revenues at least 10% for open space, 10% for historic preservation, and 10% for community housing.

And, whereas the recommended appropriations for open space, historic preservation, and community housing each meet or exceed 10% of the 2007 Community Preservation Fund revenues.

And, whereas Town Meeting may vote to delete or reduce any of the recommended amounts.

Therefore, in the event that recommended amounts are deleted or reduced, vote to appropriate as a set-aside for future spending from the FY 2007 Community Preservation Fund Balance the minimum necessary amounts to allocate not less than 10% of the FY 2007 Community Preservation Fund revenues for open space (\$137,242.30), not less than 10% of the FY 2007 Community Preservation Fund revenues for historic preservation (\$137,242.30), and not less than 10% of the FY 2007 Community Preservation Fund revenues (\$137,242.30) for community housing.

And, to authorize the Board of Selectmen and the Town Manager to expend from the FY 2007 Set-Aside Fund Balance for the acquisition, preservation, rehabilitation and restoration of historic resources as set forth herein, the following amount for historic preservation purposes, with such expenditures to be subject to conditions listed in the Article's Summary and to be further specified in award letters from the Community Preservation Committee:

FY 2007 SET-ASIDE FUND BALANCE FOR THE ACQUISITION, PRESERVATION, REHABILITATION AND RESTORATION OF HISTORIC RESOURCES	\$ 59,464.00
APPROPRIATIONS	
Purpose	Recommended Amounts
Spending Appropriations	
K2.West Acton Citizen's Library Renovations	\$ 59,464.00

Total Recommended Appropriations from FY 2007 Set-Aside Fund Balance for the Acquisition, Preservation, Rehabilitation and Restoration of Historic Resources	\$ 59,464.00
Remaining FY 2007 Historic Set Aside Fund Balance	\$ 0.00

, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Sghia-Hughes moves that the Town appropriate or set aside for later appropriation, \$1,662,069 and to raise such amount,

\$ 1,602,605 be transferred from the Community Preservation Fund and

\$ 59,464 be transferred from the Set-Aside Fund Balance for the Acquisition, Preservation Rehabilitation and Restoration of Historic Resources,

And that the Town Manager be authorized to expend or set aside amounts as set forth in the Article and in compliance with conditions to be noted in the Community Preservation Committee's Award Letters.

Hold Sections – B, E, and M for discussion.

Mrs. Chang moves to amend to vote Article 32 as a whole with the exception of sections B, E, and M.

AMENDMENT CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

Vote on Section B - MOTION IS LOST

Mr. Mullin has recused himself from line item “E” - Exchange Hall.

Town Meeting members voted to allow Mr. Berger, a non-resident to speak on the renovation on the Exchange Hall project.

Vote on Section E – MOTION CARRIES

Vote on Section M – MOTION CARRIES

ORIGINAL MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIES

ARTICLE 33 * INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT – BRUCE FREEMAN RAIL TRAIL

(Majority Vote)

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen or the Town Manager to enter into an agreement or agreements on behalf of the Town, on such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen or the Town Manager may determine, consistent with the requirements of Section 4A of Chapter 40 of the General Laws, with one or both of the Towns of Carlisle and Westford, for the purpose of obtaining grants or other funding from the Massachusetts Highway Department or other federal, state, county or municipal government or agency thereof, and/or from a charitable foundation, a private corporation, or an individual, to effectuate the acquisition, design and construction of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail, and any such grants and funds are hereby appropriated for their stated purposes and may be expended with the approval of the Board of Selectmen or the Town Manager, or take any other action relative thereto.