

Sent on behalf of Peter J. Berry

To All Town Boards and Committees:

The Board of Selectmen recently established the CPA Study Committee (SC) to review the accomplishments of the CPA law in Acton since its adoption in 2005, and to make recommendations for changes in the way the CPA is implemented. Since 2005, the CPA has issued over \$13 million in grants to promote Open Space, Recreation, Community Housing, and Historic Preservation in Acton, funded from a 1.5% local real estate tax surcharge and state matching funds. The CPA SC is soliciting the feedback and advice of individuals and Town committees regarding the CPA in Acton. Please provide us with your feedback based on your direct experience with the CPA law, as implemented in Acton. You may want to address some of the following questions:

1. What key projects have been enabled or enhanced by CPA funding over the last 10 years that otherwise may not have been accomplished, and how has that impacted Acton?
2. How has CPA funding impacted other sources of funding for needed projects?
3. How accessible is CPA funding for your area of interest compared with other funding sources?
4. How has the CPA impacted your work over the past 10 years?
5. How would doubling CPA funding affect your area of interest? How would eliminating CPA funding affect your area of interest?
6. What potential CPA projects have not been funded by CPC (the CPA committee in Acton) due to lack of CPC funds, application issues, or other reasons?
7. How has the CPA impacted your area of interest (positive and negative)?

The SC intends to report back to the BoS by the end of January. Please respond to pjberry@comcast.net with your comments no later than January 15th, and thank you for taking the time to participate.

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Roland Bourdon, Finance Committee
Walter Foster, Citizen At Large
Paula Goodwin, Conservation Commission
Carolyn Kilpatrick, Citizen At Large
Bill Klauer, Historical Commission
Corrina Roman-Kreuze, Acton Community Housing Corp.
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