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To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000.00, or a greater or lesser sum, from the FY 2021 Community Preservation local surcharge and trust fund for administrative costs for the Community Preservation Committee, or take any other action relative thereto. ✓

These funds are for any expenses incurred by the Community Preservation Committee. In FY 2020 the Committee spent approximately \$x.xxx.xx for annual dues for the state organization, and administrative matters. Any funds not used during the year are returned to the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund Balance account.

To see if the Town will vote to fund the Community Preservation Project for the Repair of the Storrs Library roof in the amount of \$223,000.00, or a greater or lesser sum, funded first from the Community Preservation Historic Preservation Fund Balance, and then from the Undesignated Fund balance, or take any other action relative thereto. ✓

Over the last several years the Storrs Library building has suffered water damage from roof leaks, which affects the collection. The majority of the current roof was installed when the library was expanded in 1992, and needs to be replaced. Last year the CPC provided funding in the amount of \$27,000 for repair of a portion of the roof. This application will enable the entire roof to be repaired.

To see if the Town will vote to fund the Community Preservation project for the repair of the Community House roof and gutters in the amount of \$120,000.00, or a greater or lesser sum, funded from the Undesignated Fund Balance, or take any other action relative thereto. ✓

The roof and gutters are failing and causing damage to the wall cavities of the building. Last year the CPC provided funding in the amount of \$68,000 for repair of a portion of the roof, but the damages to the roof and gutters are more extensive than initially estimated, and the cost of the repairs are higher. This application will enable the roof and gutters to be repaired.

~~To see if the Town will vote to fund the Community Preservation Project for the improvement of the softball field at Russell Field in the amount of \$40,545.00, or a greater of lesser sum, to be funded from the Recreation/Open Space Fund Balance, or to take any other action relative thereto.~~

~~***In prior years the CPC funded improvements for the softball field at Turner Park. This project will fund improvements to the softball field at Russell Field, which is used by the Longmeadow Softball Association and the LHS varsity softball team. This application will fund improvements to the field, including improved fencing, bleachers, and two dugouts.***~~

To see if the Town will vote to fund the Community Preservation Project for Phase II of remediation of Russell Field in the amount of \$20,000.00, or a greater or lesser sum, to be funded from the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund Balance, or to take any other action relative thereto. ✓

Phase I project is addressing the erosion on the east side of the field by replacing the railroad tie retaining walls that have deteriorated, replacing them with tiered, interlocked stone walls around the backstop, so fans can view the games. This application for Phase II for the purchase and installation of netting and seating.

To see if the Town will vote to fund the Community Preservation Project for Japanese Knotweed eradication in the amount of \$4,800.00, or a greater or lesser sum, to be funded from the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund Balance, or to take any other action relative thereto. ✓

The Town owns approximately 1.2 acres of conservation land on Chestnut Road that is infested with Japanese Knotweed, an invasive species that crowds out native plants. This application will enable the Conservation Commission to eradicate the knotweed from this location.

To see if the Town will vote to fund the Community Preservation Project for ~~Japanese Knotweed eradication~~ in the amount of \$15,000.00 or a greater or lesser sum, to fund a study for the feasibility and design of a skate park to be funded from the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund Balance, or to take any other action relative thereto. ✓

Skatepark study
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The construction of a skate park will provide additional outdoor recreational opportunities for children in town. This application will provide funding to provide design work, to identify the best location for a skate park, and to address any concerns about legal liability to the Town.

To see if the Town will vote to fund the Community Preservation Project for Wolf Swamp Field Leveling, Field Improvements and an Irrigation System in the amount of \$100,000.00, or a greater or lesser sum, funded from the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund Balance, or take any other action relative thereto.

This project provides additional partial funding as part of a long term plan to renovate and improve the conditions of the Wolf Swamp Road fields, by providing irrigation, resurfacing the fields, and reconfiguring them. The fields are used for soccer, field hockey, lacrosse and baseball by many age groups. This is in addition to \$330,000 provided in the past years.

To see if the Town will vote to fund the Community Preservation Project to acquire and install screen doors and batten doors at the Storrs House Museum in the amount of \$5,460.00, funded from the Community Preservation Historical Fund Balance, or take any other action relative thereto.

This project will provide for the installation of period appropriate doors for the Storrs House, providing additional protection and security for the building and the collections inside.

To see if the Town will vote to fund the Community Preservation Project to obtain historical surveys of structures built before 1901 in the amount of \$10,000.00, or a greater or lesser sum, funded from the Community Preservation Historical Fund Balance, or take any other action relative thereto.

Structures built before 1901 are subject to the provisions of the demolition delay bylaw, and there are approximately 80 structures for which better information is needed. The Longmeadow Historical Commission has also applied for a matching grant to the Massachusetts Historical Commission to complete this project.

To fund the Community Preservation Project to re-fund the Residential Home Modification Fund, in an amount of \$125,000.00, or a greater or lesser sum, to be funded from the Community Housing Fund Balance, or to take any other action relative thereto.

The Longmeadow Adult Center provides social services for many low income residents in the community; many of these people are living in their homes that are in need of repairs or modifications in order to allow them to remain safely in their homes. This fund will enable them to do so, by providing grants of up to \$10,000 to eligible residents. This will be the fourth such application funded by the CPC.

To see if the Town will vote to fund the Community Preservation Project for the improvement of the softball field at Turner Park in the amount of \$33,000.00, or a greater or lesser sum, to be funded from the Recreation/Open Space Fund Balance, or to take any other action relative thereto.

In prior years the CPC funded improvements for the baseball field at Turner Park. This project will fund improvements to the softball field, including fencing, bleachers, a storage shed and a pitching and hitting tunnel.

To see if the Town will vote to fund the Community Preservation Project for remediation of the erosion at Russell Field in the amount of \$90,000.00, or a greater or lesser sum, to be funded from the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund Balance, or to take any other action relative thereto.

This project will remedy the erosion on the east side of the field by replacing the railroad tie retaining walls that have deteriorated, replacing them with tiered, interlocked stone walls around the backsop, so fans can view the games.

Respectfully Submitted,

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