



THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF AMHERST SUPPORTS:

ARTICLE 12A: COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT COMMITTEE

The Community Preservation Act Committee makes annual recommendations to Town Meeting for projects that help create or preserve affordable housing, historical sites, outdoor recreational facilities and open space. Revenue for CPA funds is via an Amherst voter approved 3% surcharge on property taxes and annually adjusted state matching grants. Article 12A lists the various projects in these categories to be supported by CPA funds this year.

Affordable Housing

The Amherst League supports a variety of low and moderate income housing, both public and private, appropriate to community needs. Consistent with our support for the establishment of the Amherst Affordable Housing Trust, the Amherst League supports the use of community preservation funds to achieve the goals of the Affordable Housing Trust in Article 12A

Open Space

The League supports an environment beneficial to life through the protection and wise management of natural resources in the public interest, including the management, resources conservation, long term planning, and promoting policies that manage land as a finite resource that incorporate principles of stewardship.

Recreation

The League supports measures to provide a variety of facilities for enriching recreational experiences for persons of all ages and abilities, as represented in Article 12A.

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