

# *The Community Preservation Act*

## Community Preservation Committee

### MEMBERS

*required by CPA as state statute*  
*at least 5 members but no more than 9,*  
*representing /appointed by*

Conservation Commission

Historical Commission

Housing Authority

Parks Commission

Planning Board

*required by Newton's ordinance*

community housing	Mayor	1 from each pair of wards: 1/2, 3/4, 5/6, 7/8
historic resources	Mayor	
open space	Mayor	
recreation	Mayor	

*policy of Newton's CPC*

members limited to two 3-year terms

chairmanship rotates annually

### DUTIES

*required by CPA as state statute*

study the needs, possibilities & resources of the city or town

consult with existing municipal boards

hold one or more public hearings on community preservation possibilities & resources

meet or conduct business only with a quorum (majority of members) and approve actions by majority vote

make funding recommendations to the legislative body

*policy of Newton's CPC*

one annual funding round (October deadline)

proposals accepted off-cycle for real estate acquisitions only

at least one public hearing on each year's proposals