

**Minutes
Town of Norton
Community Preservation Act Review Committee**

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**October 28, 2019
Locaton: Select Board Meeting Room, Norton Town Hall**

Members present: Paul Faiella, Peg Dooley, Zack Tsius, Kathleen Ebert-Zawasky

Zack called the meeting to order at 7:10.

Minutes of Sept. 25, 2019 meeting were accepted unanimously.

Paul distributed info on the 2018 CPA Distribution fund (as funded and as projected with new funding) and will provide the website in email to follow. He also distributed estimated CPA surcharge table with examples of its impact on taxpayers.
(communitypreservation.org)

Zach described research on exemption limits by different communities. He also reported calling the CPA Coalition office. They will help if possible but cannot send a speaker.

We attempted to list questions we have for the CPA Coalition to submit in an email:

1. Why do the % vary from town to town - does it impact funding?
2. Are some types of projects given priority? (e.g housing vs, recreation projects)
3. Why are some towns funded 100% (Goshen) and others less?

We also need to know the cutoff date for the warrant for the spring town meeting in Norton.

We need more town figures from the Assessors Office to estimate the impact on exemptions in Norton.

There is agreement that when this is presented to the town, a Q & A format may be the best vehicle for helping to sell the idea.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Minutes Submitted by: Kathleen Zawasky

Minutes Approved by Committee on: 11/7/19

Chairperson's Signature: Shawn Rice