

**COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE PROJECT STATUS REPORT**

	<b>Orig Project Cost</b>	<b>Final Project Cost</b>
	<b>\$ 4,730,019.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,678,262.25</b>
<b>Totals for Open Space/Recreation</b>	<b>\$ 2,211,600.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,167,899.89</b>
Conservation Comm Acquisition of Open Space	\$ 50,000.00	
Acq Open Space Tyler APR \$21,500		
Hale Woodlands	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00
Lake Boon Preservation Project	\$ 77,000.00	\$ 33,299.89
Assabet Rail Trail Easement	\$ 227,000.00	\$ 135,949.50
Moseley APR	\$ 23,600.00	\$ 23,600.00
Maple Street CR for SCT	\$ 80,000.00	
Snow Property Acquisition	\$ 673,000.00	\$ 658,899.46
Stow Community Park Construction	\$ 1,000,000.00	
Design Plan for Track Road Rail Trail	\$ 46,000.00	
<b>Totals for Historical</b>	<b>\$ 168,419.00</b>	<b>\$ 160,362.36</b>
Exp-West School Parking/Access	\$ 20,000.00	
Secure Blacksmith School	\$ 929.00	\$ 745.00
Lower Village Cemetery Wall Restoration 1	\$ 9,990.00	\$ 9,918.28
Lower Village Cemetery Wall Restoration 2	\$ 19,500.00	\$ 14,199.08
Lower Village Cemetery Wall Restoration 3	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 17,500.00
Rehab Monuments & Headstones	\$ 48,000.00	
Townwide Inventory of Historic Properties	\$ 50,000.00	
<b>Totals for Affordable Housing</b>	<b>\$ 2,350,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,350,000.00</b>
Pilot Grove Perpetual Deed Restrictions	\$ 350,000.00	\$ 350,000.00
Exp-Purchase Perp Deed Restriction	\$ 250,000.00	
Pilot Grove and Plantation Expansions	\$ 1,750,000.00	

**COUNCIL ON AGING**

Transportation remains the number one service. This vital service continues to grow each year. The COA transported approximately 840 riders totaling over 7,100 trips covering 32,280 miles. The van fare income received was approximately \$4,900. COA billed MART for transportation services totaling over \$35,637, which was turned back to the Town's General Fund Account.

The COA acts as the social services agency for the town, providing a variety of services and assistance to all ages in need. Our Outreach Coordinator and Outreach Worker provided

numerous hours of *assistance* such as: Life Line, RUOK, Fuel Assistance, Meals on Wheels, Food Stamps, Food Pantry referrals, home and hospital visits.

*Nutritional Programs* are offered such as: Congregate Meals, Meals On Wheels, Monthly Breakfast, and “Soups On” Program. *Art & Craft* classes are offered weekly.

*Health and Educational* presentations are offered monthly on a variety of topics. Podiatry Clinics are held monthly. This past year, COA has loaned out over 120 items of Durable Medical Equipment including: wheelchairs, tub transfer benches, shower chairs, walkers, commodes and other miscellaneous items. Weekly

*Exercise Programs* offered include: Yoga, Aerobics, Arthritis Stretch, and Zumba Gold classes. Special Walking groups are held.

*Outings & Social Programs* such as: museums, casinos, circus, restaurants, teas, pet therapy, flower arrangement, Strawberry Festival, Picnic, Veteran’s Breakfast and our Holiday Parties.

Free Professional Services offered this past year included: Reiki Clinic, S.H.I.N.E., Tax Preparation, Computer Class & In-Home Repair Service, Lawyer, Veterans Benefits, etc.

The COA oversees the Senior Tax Work-Off Program which continues to grow each year. It was filled to capacity, with 20 participants working in various town departments and the schools.

Approximately 71 volunteers provided over 3,700 hours of service. Our “Unsung Hero Award” went to Therese Bryce, who has gone above and beyond the call of duty. She has been a dedicated volunteer for over 20 years. The COA can’t thank our volunteers enough for all they do.

Local organizations have offered their help, including the Stow Garden Club, the schools, the Scouts, Stow Lions Club, 1<sup>st</sup> Parish, St. Isidore’s, and Union Church. Local businesses have supported the COA throughout the year, including Nancy’s Airfield Café, Shaw’s and Stow Farm Stands.

The Stow Friends of the Council on Aging (SFCOA) raises funds to supplement the COA. The COA would not be able to offer all the programs and services without their financial support. They pay for our monthly newsletter “The Stow Senior Scoop”. They have a gift shop at the COA.

Minuteman Senior Services (MSS) provided \$176,246 worth of services to 568 Stow seniors this past year in return for our contribution of \$1,037.

Funding Sources: Mass. Executive Office of Elder Affairs, Stow Community Chest, Stow Cultural Council, Stow Friends of the COA, Stow Lions Club and the Stow Women's Club.

Respectfully submitted,

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## CULTURAL COUNCIL

The Stow Cultural Council is dedicated to creating a closer-knit community in Stow by sponsoring and supporting activities in the arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences that bring the diverse elements of our community together for enjoyment and cultural enrichment. The SCC especially seeks to fund projects that bring together parts of the community that do not often interact in their day-to-day lives in order to foster understanding by experiencing events together, working on projects and sharing stories about Stow's history.

The Stow Cultural Council completed a successful year, receiving a total of \$5,325 in grants from the following sources: \$3,825 from the State Legislature through the Massachusetts Cultural Council; and \$1,500 from Town Meeting.

The council voted to grant funds to the following projects for 2011/2012 fiscal year:

- Nashoba Regional High School Friends of Drama: \$1,000 (Beauty and the Beast)
- Hale Middle School Play: \$900
- 2012 Arts Buffet Festival: \$500
- Stow West School Programs: \$525 (Stow Historical Society)
- Popular Music of the Gaslight Era: \$590 (Lewis Halprin)
- 2011/2012 Concert Season: \$250 (Acton Community Chorus)
- Lake Boon Water Carnival Music Boat: \$300 (Lake Boon Improvement Association)
- Summer Reading Program: \$1,050 (Randall Library)
- 2010-2011 Concert Season: \$1700 (Sounds of Stow)
- View of a Butterfly: \$350 (Eye of The Storm Equine Rescue)
- Stow Minutemen at the Bolton Fair: \$1,000 (The Bolton Fair, Inc.)
- Reading is Magic: \$375 (Edward L. Cope)
- 77<sup>th</sup> Regular Exhibition of Art and Craft: \$100 (The Fitchburg Art Museum)
- Rivers Edge Holiday concerts: \$300 (Hudson Area Arts Alliance)
- Jerry Atric-The Older I Get: \$350 (Steve Henderson)