



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

CITY OF SOMERVILLE CURRENTLY SEEKING RESIDENTS INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING TO SERVE ON THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

The City of Somerville is looking to fill one position on the Community Preservation Committee (CPC), the body that oversees Somerville's Community Preservation Act program. The successful candidate will take over the term of outgoing CPC member, Jane Carbone, which ends December 31, 2020. The successful candidate will have a three year term with the option to continue with a second three year term. Interested residents are invited to complete the attached application and email to jtumusiime@somervillema.gov by November 6, 2020. To learn more about the position, interested candidates are invited to come to a virtual informational session on the GoToMeeting platform at 6:00pm on Monday, October 26. Please join the FY21 CPC application informational session from your computer, tablet or smartphone. <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/792438397>. You can also dial in using your phone. United States: [+1 \(646\) 749-3122](tel:+16467493122). Access Code: 792-438-397. New to GoToMeeting? Get the app now and be ready when your first meeting starts: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/install/792438397>. If you are not able to attend the session, the video will be posted on the CPA website at www.somervillema.gov/cpa. Contact Judith Tumusiime, CPA Manager, with questions at jtumusiime@somervillema.gov.

The CPC is devoted to enhancing community preservation in Somerville. It has two primary responsibilities: 1) evaluating the needs of Somerville with regard to affordable housing, historic preservation, and open space/outdoor recreation; and 2) making recommendations to the City Council regarding expenditures of Community Preservation Act funding for historic resources and open space/recreation land projects (the Somerville Affordable Housing Trust Fund serves as the housing arm of the CPC and reviews the affordable housing projects).

The CPC consists of nine volunteers, including four members from the general public and a member from each of the following bodies: the Planning Board, the Conservation Commission, the Historical Preservation Commission, the Parks and Open Space Department, and the Housing Authority. To ensure the selection of the most qualified applicants, Mayor Curtatone has formed a review committee composed of experts from the City and the community to review applications, conduct interviews, and nominate candidates for appointment. The Mayor will then make final candidate selections with approval from the City Council.

The CPC typically meets once a month, on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm. When the CPC is considering applications for funding, it is possible additional meetings will be held.

Being an effective committee member will require that you:

- Reside in Somerville
- Familiarize yourself with Somerville's affordable housing, historic preservation, and open space/outdoor recreation policies and needs
- Familiarize yourself with the law ([Community Preservation Act, MGL Chapter 44B](#)) that governs the Committee

- Attend meetings regularly
- Support CPA outreach and awareness raising efforts
- Foster good relations with other city departments, boards, and commissions
- Listen to and be responsive to community feedback
- Use fairness and objectivity when making decisions

The review committee is seeking candidates who:

- Are supportive of all three programmatic areas of the Community Preservation Act: affordable housing, historic preservation, and open space/outdoor recreation AND
- Have demonstrated a commitment to at least one of these areas. For this search, preference will be given to candidates with professional experience in the construction industry and housing development.

In addition, the goal of the planning team is to create a balanced Committee that includes members who:

- Come from diverse demographic backgrounds
- Represent all geographic areas of the City
- Have financial expertise
- Have project management experience
- Are actively involved in the community

Please note that if you choose to apply for the CPC, your name and a portion of your application (a brief summary describing why you are a qualified candidate) will be posted on the [city website](#) for public review between November 9 and November 20. All community members are invited to provide feedback on candidates during this time.

To find out more about serving as a CPC member, please visit the following websites:

<http://www.somervillema.gov/cpa>
<http://www.communitypreservation.org/>