

City of Framingham

The City Council of Framingham



ORDER NO. 2025-057-001 REQUEST OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE

UPON THE REQUEST OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE, THE CITY OF FRAMINGHAM, THROUGH THE FRAMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL, IT IS SO ORDERED:

That the Framingham City Council votes to approve the FY2026 CPC Special Project Funding Recommendation- Accessible Dock at Lake Waushakum, as attached.

FIRST READING

YEAS: Bryant, Cannon, King, Leombruno, Long, Mallach, Ottaviani, Steiner, Ward, White Harvey
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Alexander. All other members were present in person or via teleconference
PASSED IN COUNCIL: September 2, 2025

SECOND READING

YEAS: Bryant, Cannon, King, Leombruno, Long, Mallach, Ottaviani, Steiner, Ward, White Harvey
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Alexander. All other members were present in person or via teleconference
PASSED IN COUNCIL: September 18, 2025

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A True Record, Attest:

9/19/2025

Date Approved



Lisa A. Ferguson, City Clerk
Emily L. Butler, Assistant City Clerk

9/29/25

Date Approved



Charlie Sisitsky, Mayor



Framingham Community Preservation Committee

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MEMORANDUM

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To: Framingham City Council
From: Thomas F. Mahoney, Community Preservation Chair
Date: August 12, 2025

RE: FY2026 CPC Special Project Funding Recommendation- Accessible Dock at Lake Waushakum

At a meeting on August 11, 2025, the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) voted to recommend to the City Council an expenditure in the amount of \$75,000 for the Accessible Dock at Lake Waushakum (CPA26-001) under its Special Application Process. This process provides special consideration for projects outside of the Standard Application Process that present a time-sensitive, unique opportunity, which, if missed, is likely to remove or make unavailable a valuable resource to the City and its residents.

The CPC determined that this project met the Criteria for consideration under this Special Application Process, and determined that the recommended project met the goals expressed in the Community Preservation Plan, provided a public benefit, and addressed a need. These funds will allow for prompt purchase and installation of an accessible dock at Lake Waushakum, which has broad community support.

In Fiscal Year 2023, the CPC recommended funding for an Accessible Dock at Lake Waushakum (CPA23-002) in the amount of \$110,000. The City Council approved the funding recommendation on May 2, 2023. Due to intensive permitting and regulatory requirements, there was a lengthy delay in the procurement of bids. Formally procured bids were received on July 10, 2025; however, costs were significantly higher than estimated by the design team. There is now a funding shortfall of approximately \$75,000. Without the requested CPA funding, this project would be subject to further delays and likely cost increases, which may make it unviable.

If approved by the City Council, a Grant Agreement with the City will be executed and grant report forms will be submitted. Upon entering into the Grant Agreement and in accordance with the conditions of the grant, funding may proceed without additional delay.

PROJECT ID:	CPA26-001
PROJECT TITLE:	Framingham Accessible Dock
APPLICANT/ORGANIZATION:	Sarkis Sarkisian, Director of Planning and Community Development* James Snyder, Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs
CPA CATEGORY:	Outdoor Recreation
CPA FUNDING:	\$75,000

*Authorized Representative

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:
The funding will be used to purchase and install an adaptive boat dock at Lake Waushakum, which will allow inclusive canoeing, kayaking and paddleboarding in Framingham. The project includes a permanent walkway from the existing handicap parking spaces to the dock.

RECOMMENDED FUNDING:
On August 11, 2025 by a vote of 6 to 0 with no abstentions, the Community Preservation Committee recommended appropriating \$75,000 from the Open Space and Outdoor Recreation Reserve Account for the Framingham Accessible Dock, for a grant made in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Community Preservation Grant Agreement and for the overall purposes summarized in this memorandum.

ALIGNMENT WITH THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PLAN AND MEASUREMENTS OF SUCCESS:
This project, to purchase and install an adaptive boat dock at Lake Waushakum, will allow inclusive access to boating in Framingham. It addresses a longstanding and unmet need for access to the outdoors and enjoyment of nature to an underserved population, particularly people with disabilities. This project has strong support from the community. It will maximize the usage of land already owned by the City of Framingham.
Success will be measured by the completion of the installation of the accessible dock at Lake Waushkaum, including the installation of the permanent walkway.

FUNDING CONDITIONS:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The project shall proceed in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Community Preservation Grant Agreement and the overall purposes noted in the award decision.

TIMELINE:

The project must be completed within three years of award.

PROJECT BUDGET:

• CPA Funding Recommended:	\$75,000
• Disability Commission:	\$5,000
• FY2023 CPA Funding:	\$110,000
• Total Project Cost:	\$190,000