**COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

**TOWN HALL, DUNSTABLE MA.**

**3/20/2025 6:30 PM**

**Present:** Joan Simmons, Carol Bacon, Alan Chaney, Jon Hughes, Tiffany Naughton, Catherine Irzyk.
**Absen**t: Leah Basbanes, Jean Haight, Alan Starbird.
**Other:** Barbara Blanco, Brian Weilbrenner, Jeff Rosen

**Meeting called to order at 6:30**
The minutes from the 11/7/2024 meeting were reviewed and accepted by a unanimous vote.

**Business:**

**Lake Massapoag Preservation**: Barbara Blanco and Brian Weilbrenner representing The Rod and Gun Club have asked for $3500.00 for treatment to remove the Fanwart weed from Lake Massapoag water. The lake is a habitat for many wildlife species and recreational opportunities enjoyed by many. Alan made a motion to provide $3500 for treatment of Fanwart to irradicate the weed present in Lake Massapoag to be taken from the Recreational fund. Carol seconded the motion and the vote by the committee was unanimous.

**Woodwards Mill Dam:**
Damage to the dam and surrounding area was noted in 2021. Sink holes among other problems were present. Since then, the assessment of the condition has gone from 1as low to 2 to significant. The safety of Route 113 is in question by the ensuing damage. Because of the worsening of the sink holes and other problems the area needs a quick fix to mitigate any serious problem. A CPA Funding Application Form is being prepared by Jason Silva for $25,000 to address this problem and will be presented to the CPC in the near future.

**Town Hall Chimney Repair**
An urgent repair of the chimney was completed however the contractor stated a long-term repair will be necessary. Prior to completing the next chimney repair it is advisable to develop a repair and construction cost estimate. Step one is to investigate and design a study. CPA funds may be used for the study and $20,000 was previously approved by Town Meeting for the chimney repair. A request for additional funding may be necessary.

**Larter Field Repair:**
A sink hole is now present in the playing field and needs urgent repair. Larter Field is an important recreational area for the Town and a means to attract visitors and business. A future request for CPA funds may be needed to finance the repair.
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At 7 PM the **CPA Annual Public Informational Hearing** was opened as advertised in the local papers. There were no attendees, and the hearing was closed at 7:05 PM. The regular meeting continued.

**Larter Field and Pierce Town Forest Interconnection Study:**

'Jeff Rosen' Chair, Economic Development Committee

Jeff proposed a CPA Funding Application form to study the two parcels for a potential interconnection. The purpose is to promote the use of recreational areas for nature tours, environmental studies and cross-country skiing to attract visitors and businesses. Jeff is requesting $35.000 in fiscal year of 2026 for the study. The pros and cons were discussed. It was agreed the properties served a valued purpose for the community. The two concerns are the interconnection crossing a highly active road and the expense the town would bear. The belief of the members of CPC is that this project is ill-timed for a public vote. They felt it would be necessary to postpone the application and reapply in the fall to give the community more time to consider.

Jon made the motion, and Carol seconded to postpone the application until fall. The vote was unanimous.

With no further business Alan made the motion and seconded by Jon to close the meeting. The vote was unanimous.

Next meeting to be announced by Joan.

Recorded by Catherine Irzyk