

## **Community Preservation Committee**

**1/25/2022**

### **Town Hall, Dunstable Mass**

Meeting called to order at 6:32 PM.

Present: Joan Simmons, Alan Chaney, Leah Basbanes, Jean Haight, Carol Bacon, Cathy Irzyk, Alan Starbird.      Guests: Susan Psaledakis, Rafael Glod

The meeting minutes of 11/18/2021 were reviewed and approved with one minor correction.

Community Preservation Coalition bill of \$1750 for 2022 is due to be paid. The Coalition offers advice, answers questions, and acts a resource. Alan C. moved the CPC continue to be a member and Carol seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Joan reviewed the Ledger History – Allocated Summary – Expenditure Ledger for the year 7/1/2021 – 6/30/2022. There was a 100% match from the state for 2021-2022. Currently the balance is approximately \$1.8 million but most of the money is encumbered by previous requests.

#### **UPDATES:**

##### **1. Drew Footbridge. Update by Alan Starbird: Project contingent on State Grant.**

Alan S. stated the project will undergo 3 phases. Phase 1 involves the initial study and is due February 1. Phase 2 includes engineering, design and permits. Phase 3 is the actual construction. Joan stressed the importance of Recreation Committee involvement in order to qualify for CPA funding. Alan C confirmed a meeting with the Recreation Committee had occurred and the members are supportive. It is unlikely this project will be ready for a Town Meeting vote this year.

##### **Union School Assessment Discussion.**

It is agreed that more “information gathering” is still needed before we can proceed, therefore unlikely the project will be ready for the May 2022 Town Meeting. If possible, future meetings can be via zoom to enable involvement by more parties to consolidate information and gather interest in this project.

It is necessary to have bids for the work involved in the restoration and a ‘scope of work’ so that companies are all bidding for the same work.

The choices going forward are to borrow the money to get the work completed or break the jobs into smaller parts such as roof, siding, etc. Additional sources of finances could be from the Groton CPA and the GD School Committee.

Alan C. would prefer a short term bond; 5 years as compared to a long term bond.

Joan will arrange a zoom meeting, with Lyn Spencer to discuss the final draft review. Certain aspects of the envelope assessment of the school such as the need for engineering ‘\$100,000, and flagpole repair’ \$6000 may be unnecessary.

The Board of Selectman are concerned about the future use of the school and the expense of potential necessities such as ADA compliancy. The CPC Committee members present felt strongly the Union School is a town icon and needs to be preserved.

**The Woodward Mill Project.**

The dam was inspected in June 2021 and the state was not pleased with the results. The hardwall is breaking among other problems identified that require repair in order to be compliant. The dam is town owned. No action was taken at this time.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8PM.

Submitted by: Catherine Irzyk, Recording Secretary