

**TOWN OF DUNSTABLE
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES MARCH 14, 2018**

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM.

Members present: Jeff Hastings, Carol Bacon, Leah Basbanes, Catherine Irzyk, Susan Psaladakis, Joan Simmons, Kiernan Meehan, George Basbanes, Alan Chaney.

Barbara Blanco, Brian Weilbrenner representing the Lake Massapog Rod and Gun Club.

Minutes of previous meeting 11-14-2017 were reviewed. Motion to accept the minutes made by Susan and seconded by Carol. Unanimous approval by members.

Request for Funding The Lake Massapog Rod and Gun Club for the herbicide treatment of Lake Massapog as recommended by Solitude Lake Management.

Barbara Blanco discussed the exotic invasive weed treatment and management plan for Lake Massapog treatment. The Harvester previously used can't keep up with the growth of the weed and may do more harm than good by actually spreading it as compared to the herbicide treatment recommended by Solitude Lake management Group. The question of access to the lake was raised. Tyngsboro has a boat ramp providing access and Dunstable town owns property that connects to the lake. It was agreed by the committee the project meets CPC requirements as a preservation project.

A motion made by Alan to grant the request of \$45,000 for the clean-up and removal of invasive plant material from Lake Massapog to be taken from the General Unfunded CPA fund, seconded by George, passed unanimously.

Request for funding for the cemetery upper wall tomb repair..

Alan stated one of the tombs facing route 113 is in need of repair and restoration..

One required immediate action and another needs repair to prevent more sliding. Susan made a motion for \$2500 to be taken from CPA Historic Reserves 2018 account to reconstruct and repair the tomb. This motion was seconded by Jeff and the committee vote was unanimous.

Request for funding for the purchase of a Conservation Restriction on a 12 acre field across from the Frye (Fletcher) homestead on Route 113.

Discussion related to The Project Submission Form for the property mentioned above as to whether the property meets the criteria as a preservation project. Alan and Leah discussed the General Criteria and Category Specific Criteria as well as Historical criteria. It was agreed by this committee the land meets CPC Criteria as a preservation project.

Susan made the motion to recommend at Town Meeting 2018 that \$194,000 to purchase a Conservation Restriction on the 12 acre field across from the Frye property on Route 113: \$159,000 be taken from the General Undesignated fund and \$35,000 be taken from the Open Space Fund. This was seconded by Carol. The vote was 8 in favor and 1 against therefore the motion passed.

Request for funding to continue the preservation of Town Hall Records.

As previously voted at the 11/24/2014 CPC meeting a sum of \$75,000 from the Historical Reserve Fund was to be spent preserving the Town Hall Records over a 3 year period at \$25,000 a set. The first 2 sets of books are complete and a request for funding of the third set of \$25,000 will be presented at Town Meeting 2018.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:25PM.

Minutes submitted by Catherine Irzyk