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Minutes
Executive Board Meeting, Tuesday, March 6, 2018, 7:00 PM
Cotuit Library

Present: James Dannhauser, Phyllis Miller, Tom Burgess, Chris Gargiulo, Dave Doyle, Fred Johanson, Leslie Leveille, Mike Scanlon, Natalie Spence, Carol Zais.

Absent: Bill Babcock, Dick Hamilton.

1. **Secretary's Report:** The minutes of the Executive Board meeting of December 5, 2017, were approved as circulated.
2. **Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's Report for the year-to-date ending February 28, 2018 was approved.
3. **Precinct 7 Report:** In the absence of Jessica Rapp Grasseti, Jim Dannhauser gave the Precinct 7 report as reported to him.
 - 671 Main St. Occupancy Permits are still not issued. There was a problem when one of the new owners of one unit hired a tree service to cut trees on the property line. On the request of the abutter, this was stopped.
 - The Town has proposed hedge removal or trimming at 1011, 1035, and 1055 Main Street to restore the sidewalks.
 - Sidewalk repair is planned for the main St. sidewalk from Popponessett Road to Shell Lane
 - Road repair will be necessary in the Spring as lots of potholes have been reported.
 - Jessica and Jim will plan an April meeting with Mark Els, Town Manager, to set a date for the Concerns of Cotuit meeting at Freedom Hall

Old Business

1. **Sampson's Island:** Jim Dannhauser, Tom Burgess will attend the DEP appeal review in Lakeville on March 21 as potential witnesses.
2. **Water Resources:** Discussion followed concerning the future of waste water planning and fresh water resources in the Town. Jim Dannhauser noted that the Water Resources Committee was disbanded after it had published its report in 2017. Concerned citizens need to make their opinions known to the Town Council.
3. **Grant Application:** Although Jim Dannhauser was not sanguine about our chances for a grant from the Town for the July 4th parade, the board supported his submission for an application

4. **4th of July Parade:** Dave Doyle reported that things are moving along. The board unanimously approved the hire of the Ancient Mariners as a second band for the event.
5. **Coastal resiliency:** Tom Burgess reported on the three meetings he attended as part of the Nantucket Sound group reviewing the NOAA/APCC/Cape Cod Commission work on a computer model for advance planning for sea level rise and coastal storm damage in the future. The current series of Northeasters has provided a contemporary sample of the challenges ahead for low lying areas and areas exposed to coastal damage. The model will help towns to plan ahead as to what methods will be best to mitigate the inevitable. Tom recommended that a speaker from the Cape Cod Commission be invited to address a Civic Association general meeting.
6. **Spring Clean-up:** It was suggested that the DPW be contacted for supplies when the weather gets better, and groups have formed to attack select areas of concern, main roads, beaches etc. Jim will check with the Town. Leslie Leveille will work to present a plan at the April meeting.
7. **Fire District Meetings:** Carol Zais reported as follows:
 - The Prudential Committee/Fire District has spent \$20,000 on legal fees relating to open meeting law complaints.
 - The Water Commission appears to be working well and effectively. Water tests came back clean. The plantings in the area opened up for the aborted solar field have been very well planted. The Board recommended that thanks be expressed in the *Cotuit Currents* concerning this. They are working on a security system which will be a big-ticket item/ in their budget. There is no news on the status of the new cell tower.
 - The Fire Commissioners have a new boat which they will share with the Barnstable Police. Bids are out for roof replacement, and they are upgrading computer and fiber optics. Sexual harassment training has been established.

There was no new business.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas K. Burgess, Secretary