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Minutes
Executive Board Meeting, June 5, 2018, 7:00 PM
Cotuit Library

Present: James Dannhauser, Bill Babcock, Dick Hamilton, Fred Johanson, Leslie Leveille, Phyllis Miller, Mike Scanlon, Natalie Spence, Carol Zais

Absent: Tom Burgess, Dave Doyle, Chris Gargiulo

1. Secretary's Report: The minutes of the Executive Board meeting of May 1, 2018 and the minutes of the Concerns of Cotuit meeting of May 24, 2018 at Freedom Hall were approved as circulated.

2. Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report for the year-to-date through June 4, 2018 was approved.

3. Precinct 7 Report: In the absence of Jessica Rapp Grasseti, Jim Dannhauser relayed the report that she had e-mailed to him:

- She was pleased with the format of the Concerns of Cotuit meeting which she thought worked well.
- The hedge at 1055 Main Street will be dealt with tomorrow.
- She is waiting on a meeting on Old Shore Road and Ropes Beach.
- The APCC project for addressing the issue of wastewater run-off at Little River Road, Ropes Beach, and Cordwood Landing has been approved by the Conservation Commission, but there is a concern with respect to recreational shellfishing at Handy Point off Little River Road.
- [Here Jim Dannhauser inserted alerts about upcoming Civic Association public meetings: at the June 19 public meeting, the APCC will present its project for addressing the run-off issue at Ropes Beach, Little River Road, and Cordwood Landing; at the July 17 public meeting, Rob Steen of the DPW will present the Town's updated plans for addressing the wastewater issue town-wide.]
- The Town Council will ratify the appointment of Matthew Sonnabend as the new chief of police.
- With regard to 6751 Main Street, buyers have closed on at least one property. [Phyllis Miller noted here that there are no postal addresses and no Comcast hook-ups for the units due to the developer's failure to provide for these.]

4. Update on July 4 Parade: In the absence of Dave Doyle, Jim Dannhauser relayed his report that all preparations are in good order as of now, adding that a request for volunteers will appear in the next issue of *Cotuit Currents* and that he will also send out a Constant Contact e-mail blast asking for parade volunteers.

5. Review of Cotuit Clean-Up Day: Mike Scanlon reported (a) that some 30 volunteers took part, not including Executive Board members, (b) that the collected trash pretty much filled a dumpster even though several bags worth had been picked up a month or so earlier, (c) that Putnam Avenue may need more than 2 people per segment, (d) that Leslie Leveille was picking up bags of collected trash in response to phone calls from volunteers, and (e) that the tent had been very successful. In addition, there was general approval for the idea of scheduling a Fall Clean-Up, probably after Halloween. All agreed that Mike and Leslie had done a great job in planning, organizing, and running the Clean-Up.

6. Public Meeting Schedule: Jim again noted that the APCC will make its presentation at the June meeting and that Rob Steen will present the Town's updated wastewater plan at the July Public meeting. He asked for suggestions for topics for the August and September public meetings.

7. Fire district Meetings: Carol Zais reported as follows:

- The Fire Commissioners have addressed or are considering the following concerns and topics: training for response to attempted suicides; training for storm response; reporting calls in *Cotuit Currents*; funding for a new rescue boat; the possibility of a drone program.
- The Prudential Committee meeting was primarily devoted to preparation for the annual District Meeting. Also: the 2017 audit has started, but is behind schedule due to the District's conversion to a new financial software program.
- The Water Commissioners' meeting included the following topics: results of the most recent testing of the Cotuit water supply and wells are good; the 2018 flushing program is slow in getting under way; a "cost of services" study has started with the aim of designing a rate structure that will cover all of the Water Districts' costs; and finally there will be a special meeting of the Fire district on June 26 at 7:30 PM to approve the use of free cash, now certified by the state, to cover expenses that would otherwise have been met by incurring debt.

8. Other Business:

- Jim Dannhauser noted that there will be no Executive Board meeting in July. The next meeting will be on August 7.
- He thanked Phyllis Miller and Bill Babcock for their years of service on the Board.
- The Board approved sending out an e-mail blast announcing a Barnstable Clean Water Coalition meeting at the Wianno Club on June 29 on the subject "Update on our Waters and Watersheds."

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
William Babcock, Secretary *pro tem*