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**Minutes**  
**Executive Board Meeting, October 2, 2018, 7:00 PM**  
**Cotuit Library**

**Present:** James Dannhauser, Tom Burgess, Natalie Spence, Seth Burdick, Dave Doyle, Chris Gargiulo, Fred Johanson, Leslie Leveille, Lallie Lloyd, Mike Scanlon, Carol Zais

**Absent:** Dick Hamilton

**Guest:** Jessica Rapp Grassetti, Town Councilor

- 1. Call to Order:** Jim Dannhauser called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
- 2. Secretary's Report:** The minutes of the Executive Board meeting of September 4, 2018 were approved.
- 3. Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's Report for the year-to-date through September 30, 2018 was approved. Jim Dannhauser suggested that the Board review raising the yearly dues at a future meeting.
- 4. Precinct 7 Report:** Jessica Rapp Grassetti reported:
  - Sampson's Island: The Town has put out to bid for supporting work to accompany the dredging, which will not begin until 5 November and continue no later than January 25, 2019. Work will go on for 6 to 10 hours per diem Monday through Friday and remove an estimated 44,000 cubic yards of sand.
  - Crosswalk improvements for the center of the village are 75% designed and will go out to bid in December. Work will be done in the Spring. Disability Act restrictions prevent the crosswalk from being moved from the corner of School and Main.
  - There is no definite date for the removal of the yew hedge at 1035 Main. Property line issues remain to be resolved.
  - The temporary speed sign on School St. has been effective. Discussion is ongoing about stop signs and crosswalks at the Cotuit Grocery and the corner of Main and Putnam. Chris Gargiulo asked if there had been an issue with school buses going too fast in the village.

**Old Business**

- 1. Cotuit Memorial Park:** The Town Architect has completed the plan for the suggested improvements to the park at an estimated cost of as much as \$350,000. The design will be submitted for ranking against other capital improvements, a process which normally takes 2 years. In light of proposed changes at the west end of the park by the church, Jim Dannhauser speculated whether a

less costly or phased plan could be implemented. Jessica will contact the Town Manager and Director of Public Works to discuss this.

2. **Church Expansion:** Jim Dannhauser reviewed correspondence he had had with an attorney representing abutters to the Church, correcting some misinformation expressed therein.
3. **Christmas in Cotuit:** Dave Doyle reported that everything was on track for the event which will be held on Saturday, December 1. Discussion ensued concerning the long waiting times for face painting at the Kettle-Ho. Carol Zais offered the services of her daughter as a second face painter to help with this part of the day.
4. **Cotuit Fishing Tournament:** Proceeds have not yet come in from this, but the event was a great success. Henry O'Shaughnessy would like to see more board members involved in the day.
5. **Insurance:** Jim Dannhauser has submitted all our current coverage to Lisa Mycock for review. He will have better information for review at the next meeting.
6. **4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade:** Jim Dannhauser requested members to e-mail him if they were interested in serving on a small committee to review the policies and procedures of the parade.
7. **Fire District Meetings:** Carol Zais reviewed the District Committee meetings of the previous month. There was little to note save a diesel spill at the cell tower site which has been cleaned up. Carol asked for help if anyone could attend one of the committee meetings each month.

New Business:

1. **Water Use Fee:** Lallie Lloyd asked about the status of proposed increased mooring fees and water use fees to help pay for dredging. Why are boat owners levied but not all town taxpayers? Jessica noted that the proposed fees are under review by the Waterways Committee of the Town, and that the fees are intended to provide a supplemental fund to defray part of Town dredging costs, in addition to the regular Town budget availability. In addition, many boat owners using Barnstable waters are not Barnstable residents but are using the waters and in fairness should bear part of the costs of maintaining the waterways.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas K. Burgess, Secretary

