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Minutes
Concerns of Cotuit Meeting, Tuesday May 7, 2018, 10:30 AM
Freedom Hall

Present: Executive Board - Jim Dannhauser, Natalie Spence, Tom Burgess, Seth Burdick, Chris Gargiulo, Mike Scanlon, Carol Zais

Town Officials - Jessica Rapp Grassetti, Town Councilor; Mark Ells, Town Manager; Matthew Sonnabend, Chief of Police; Lynne Poyant, Community Services; Patty Machado, Department of Recreation; Elizabeth Jenkins, Planning and Development; Dan Horn, Harbormaster; Derek Lawson, Mooring Officer; Dan Santos, Director, Department of Public Works; Rob Steen, Assistant Director DPW.

Jim Dannhauser called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM

- 1. Water quality issues in Cotuit Bay. Updates regarding current plans by BCWC and Town. Discussion re status of concept of wastewater plant at Joint Base Cape Cod and sewerage of Cotuit.** Rob Steen reported provided an update on water quality issues since his last presentation at an Association meeting, primarily covering three items: [1] Meetings are ongoing with Joint Base Cape Cod concerning the Town being a player in maintaining and running both the well field and the sewage treatment facilities at the base. These are old and poorly maintained but offer an additional source of water and a locale that might allow traditional sewerage on the westside of the Town of Barnstable. [2] In partnership with Vineyard Wind, the Town has an opportunity to use the excavations for the lines coming ashore in Centerville and running to Independence Park to sewer that section of Town. [3] Sediment samples have been submitted to Massachusetts DEP for testing and permits are being crafted for the dredging of the Mill Pond at Routes 149 and 28 as a beginning of the Marstons Mills River/Three Bays project.
- 2. Dredging project. Report on Phase 1 – amount removed, etc. Status of plans for subsequent phases.** Dan Santos reported that 30,000 cubic feet of sand were removed in Phase I of the dredging project. Work is scheduled to begin in mid-November 2019 on the next phase when a similar amount will be dredged and removed to the eastern end of Dead Neck, as provided for in the permits from DEP. This depends upon the availability of the County dredge. The funding for Phase II has been approved by the Town Council.

1. **Address conditions at Ropes and Riley's Beaches. Both in dire need of replenishment and clean-up. Possible to use sand from next dredging phase? Road to Riley's run-off issues. Review situation with kayaks/dinghies at Ropes. Need enforcement of dinghies, etc. that do not have proper registration under new rules.** Dan Santos reported that permits are currently being sought for sand replenishment for public beaches and landings in the Town that are in need of sand refreshment. This clean sand will most likely be trucked in, as the sand from dredging projects can only be used as provided in the permits for those projects and it is likely less expensive to truck sand in than to try to deliver it through pipes from dredges. Derek Lawson reported that 201 dinghy and kayak permits had been sold so far and that, thus far, enforcement had been a matter of getting information to owners who have stored their boats on Town land without a sticker. In the case of non-compliance, the Town can impound a vessel which incurs a concomitant fee to the owner, though the effort will be to educate owners regarding the requirements before resorting to impounding. Attention will be paid to the parking area at Riley's on the hill closest to the beach where erosion and run-off are occurring.
2. **Memorial Park – spring and fall plantings; general improvement project status. Volunteer offer to repair sign.** Mark Ells suggested that the project be revisited and broken down into succinct parts and resubmitted for next year's CIP. The Town has an obligation to ensure that the Park is both safe and functional. Volunteer efforts are appreciated but the Town is ultimately the entity responsible for the park. In the meanwhile, the plantings will continue as in prior years.
3. **Support implementation of APCC et al plans for storm water management and maintain installs once accomplished. Funding gap for Ropes project from last year.** Funding has been found for the Ropes Beach APCC project and work will begin on this in mid-May and should be finished in about a month. The Three Bays area has been identified as a key area for improvement by the EPA, and the Town will continue to work closely with APCC on its projects and will develop a maintenance program after they are installed.
3. **Status of planned expansion of Town Dock. Timing, plans, etc. Need to minimize effect on mooring field.** Dan Santos reported that the Town Dock project was at the beginning of the conceptual phase and that tentative plans might be available for public discussion by the Autumn. Adequate parking may become a factor if an expansion predicates more vehicle use, and there is a recognized absence of available land for that. If the expansion merely accommodates a public safety boat and municipal craft, there may be less of a need for additional parking.
4. **Status of use of Waldorf School. Avoid vacant property. If Collaborative ends up in occupancy, what is nature of use? Issues of bus traffic, security, etc. Repair fields at the School.** There was general agreement that the fields at the Cotuit School are in disrepair excepting the Tennis Courts which have been renewed recently. No work is planned on the fields until 2030. Mark Ells is researching with Town legal office the Town and school departments' obligations with regard to these Town assets. They must

be safe and functional. That is a Town obligation. His office understands concerns that this property should remain in a valid use, as a school property. On Monday May 13, after 5:30 PM, Recreation will inventory Town properties in Cotuit: Lowell Park, the Waldorf School, and the beaches. The public are invited to attend. The School Department controls the use of the school at this point.

- 5. Update on pedestrian improvements to Main Street area. Issue of flashing speed warning signs.** The flashing speed warning signs have been removed from the plan. Jessica Rapp Grasseti reported that there have been major complaints about the severity of the Ocean View Avenue and Main St. intersection. The walkway has a difficult 90-degree turn, and space allocated for automobiles seems narrow and will not permit a truck and car to pass each other. The granite curbing seems out of place. Dan Santos and Rob Steen will visit the site at the conclusion of the meeting. Jessica was also concerned that no raised walk was planned at Main street at School. This was suggested in the original plan. The bump on School at the Post Office is already slowing traffic, which is the desired effect.
- 6. Status of improvements to Old King's Road and Santuit River culvert.** The Town of Mashpee is undertaking the replacement of the culvert which will start in later summer after the herring run and spawn have cleared the river. Old King's Road will be on the schedule for repair after that work is completed. In the meantime, repairs are going on to other roadways in the area.
- 7. Continue with "Beach Guard" at Loop Beach 7 days a week and keep beach clean with weekly rakings, seaweed removal, etc. Seaweed particularly bad last year.** Jim Dannhauser stated that there was agreement that the Loop had been well maintained last year and thanks were in order. In response to a query concerning life guard staffing, Patty Machado said that Recreation was doing more to train permanent in-house staff and to work with the YMCA on training the 105 staff that the Dept. hires each summer. Fortunately -despite the allure of other offers – 80% of Barnstable staff return.
- 8. Continue to enforce parking rules throughout Village. Need speed enforcement as well.** Chief Sonnabend will continue to see that enforcement is done.
- 9. Garbage accumulation at Town Dock and other locations.** Mark Ells reported that the Town is studying the elimination of trash receptacles at certain public facilities and requesting a "Pack In – Pack Out" rule. After discussion, there was general agreement that the Town Dock might be an area where this could start since both the previous dumpster and the current "Big Bellies" at that location have been subject to continued abuse. This will be implemented over the next few weeks.

The Meeting adjourned at 12:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Burgess, Secretary, Cotuit-Santuit Civic Association