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Minutes
Executive Board Meeting, Tuesday, May 7, 2019, 7:00 PM
Cotuit Library

Present: James Dannhauser, Tom Burgess, Natalie Spence, Seth Burdick, Dave Doyle, Mike Scanlon, Carol Zais

Absent: Chris Gargiulo, Dick Hamilton, Fred Johanson, Leslie Leveille, Lallie Lloyd,

Precinct 7 Report: In the absence of Jessica Rapp Grassetti, and since most relevant matters had been raised at the Concerns of Cotuit meeting earlier in the day, there was no report.

Business meeting:

- 1. Call to Order:** Jim Dannhauser called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and thanked all board members who were able to attend the Concerns of Cotuit Meeting at 10:30 a.m. at Freedom Hall.
- 2. Secretary's Report:** On a motion made and seconded, the Secretary's minutes of the meeting of December 4, 2018 were accepted as written. Notes to meetings which failed to have a quorum of members on March 5 and April 4, 2019 were also accepted.
- 3. Treasurer's Report:** On a motion made and seconded, the Treasurer's report to April 30, 2019 was accepted.

Old Business:

- 1. New Board Members:** On a motion made and seconded, Mark Lynch of 1262 Main St, Cotuit was elected to fill the vacancy created by Leslie Leveille's resignation from the Board. Tom Burgess reported that he was working on finding representation to the Board from Cotuit Meadows on the north side of Rte. 28. Mike Scanlon is also working on finding a new Board member.
- 2. Spring Clean-up.** Cotuit Clean-up Day is scheduled for Saturday May 11th. Mike Scanlon passed out a draft sheet to be handed to volunteers. He expects a good turn out if weather is cooperative. No recycling will be attempted with trash pick-up. The Town is providing large bags and gloves and will have a dumpster available
- 3. 4th of July Parade:** Information and applications for parade floats and groups is now posted on the website. Tom and Carol will handle registration before and at the beginning of the Parade. Carol has a 'burner' cell phone for Parade use. People needing information about registration etc. may call 774-393-5093. In response to a query from Cotuit Athletic Association, the board

revisited the rules concerning advertising on vehicles carrying groups and pulling floats. The Board agreed that vehicles did not need to cover any standard advertising information that existed on vehicles, and the rules have been revised accordingly. However, no additional banners or advertising would be permitted on such vehicles.

4. **Fire District Meetings:** Carol Zais gave a brief synopsis of Fire District Meetings: Water Commissioners were happy with the presentation of the new water rates at the Civic Association General Meeting at Freedom Hall. Don Campbell will retire in May; he has done a great job with the commissioners putting things together for the past two years. Scott Horsley is running for the vacant position. The Prudential Committee will seek additional monies for the Space Needs Development Committee as the plans submitted by the architects proved to be prohibitively expensive.
5. **General Meetings: Budget and Candidates' Night will be May 21, 2019 presenting the Fire District proposed budget for 2019-2020 and the candidates for District offices.**

New Business:

1. **Newsletter Costs:** Mike Scanlon asked if the cost of printing and mailing *Cotuit Currents* was a justifiable expense in the days of web information. The newsletter runs about \$800 per mailing. Natalie noted that some 90% of membership renewals come from the newsletter coupon. Our e-mail list is significantly lower than the number of residents of the village. There was consensus that the newsletter still performs a vital function and should be continued.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas K. Burgess, Secretary

