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Minutes
Executive Board Meeting, Tuesday, August 6, 2019, 7:00 PM
Cotuit Library

Present: James Dannhauser, Tom Burgess, Natalie Spence, Seth Burdick, Chris Gargiulo, Mark Lynch, Mike Scanlon, Carol Zais

Absent: Dave Doyle, Dick Hamilton, Fred Johanson, Lallie Lloyd

Call to Order: Jim Dannhauser called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Precinct 7 Report: In the absence of Town Councilor, Jessica Rapp Grasseti, there was no Precinct 7 report.

Business meeting:

- 1. Secretary's Report:** On a motion made and seconded, the Secretary's minutes of the Executive Board meeting of July 2, 2019 were accepted as written.
- 2. Treasurer's Report:** On a motion made and seconded, the Treasurer's report to July 31, 2019 was accepted. Natalie noted that memberships and donations were running at about the same as previous years. Year to year figures are quite similar. Jim Dannhauser mentioned that he had posted the banking Summary of the Association for 2018 on the website.

Old Business:

- 1. Nominations for members of the Board:** Tom Burgess thanked Mike Scanlon, Natalie Spence and Carol Zais for help in the search for new candidates for the Board. He noted that Chris Cohoat, who lives in Somerville but who visits his parents on Main Street frequently, has expressed a willingness to help the Board. He is a software engineer and has been in touch with Jim Dannhauser about taking over the administration of the Association website and improving its functionality. He could be an Associate Member of the Board. He then proposed Mike Scanlon and Carol Zais as candidates for reelection for a term ending in 2022, and Mark Lynch, recently brought onto the Board as replacement for Leslie Leveille, as a candidate for election to a term ending in 2022. In addition, he proposed Mark Stranberg, who has settled recently in the Lovell's Pond area, as a candidate for a like term. Mark has spent over thirty years selling software, asset management services and SaaS based solutions to the financial services sector. His career has been primarily focused on sales, strategic account management and sales management for major fintech companies. Mark graduated from Boston College and obtained his MBA from Suffolk University. On a motion made and seconded, proposed nomination of this slate of candidates for election at the Annual Meeting was accepted.

2. **Fourth of July Parade:** After discussion, it was agreed that the information on the website should include notice that the emergency vehicles and the Mariners' Band make loud noise with sirens and the shooting of the blanks from the cannon. Children, pets and others who may be disturbed by loud noise should be aware that the parade is noisy. Jim thanked Tom Burgess and Carol Zais for helping with registration and especially Mike Scanlon and his crew of volunteers who set up and take down on the road barriers over a three-day period. Discussion followed on how to encourage younger people to help with our events. Most of our volunteers are retirees who cannot help indefinitely. Jim Dannhauser will choose pictures from a group taken by Mary-Jo Boden for inclusion on the website.
3. **Report on Fire District Meetings:** Carol reported that Lisa Mycock-Kelly had been elected chair of the Prudential Committee but had to decline as she is opening a new business. Silvio Genao has been elected chair of the Prudential Committee. She had nothing to report on other meetings. She then noted that commencing in October, she will begin work on an updated pamphlet describing the responsibilities and operation of the Cotuit Fire District and its committees. She has found some volunteers and would appreciate any help offered from other members of the Board.
4. **Fishing Tournament:** Jim Dannhauser noted that the Tournament will be held on August 10. He hoped that members of the Board would make an appearance either at the weigh-in at the Town Dock from 3:30 onward or at the dinner at the Golf Club from 5:30 onward.
5. **Memorial Park:** In response to a query of where the Board stood concerning efforts on this project, Natalie Spence said that she would provide a break-down of the project into less costly phases. It was agreed that the Town's proposal of brick paths was a needless expense and her breakdown will eliminate that element. The Board will review her report and then try to elevate the project with the Town, which owns the property and would need to approve any changes, as well as provide the majority of the funding.
6. **General Meetings: The Association to Preserve Cape Cod will up-date stormwater run-off projects directly after the Annual Meeting at Freedom Hall at 7:30 PM on August 20.** Tom Burgess will update the membership list to allow for registration of voting members at the Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting date is as provided for in the By-Laws of the Association.

New Business:

- 1 **Coast-Sweep:** Tom Burgess reported that the statewide coast sweep will be held Saturday, Sept 21. The ACMYC will do Ropes Beach and Hooper's Landing, there is a group already formed for Loop and the Barnstable Land Trust usually does Oregon Beach and to the west. Chris Gargiulo will check with Bill Babcock concerning the Little River area. He noted that there is a number of large pieces of lumber that have washed up along the shores of the bays. To remove these is perhaps a Town problem.
- 2 **Autumn Guest:** Jim Dannhauser will invite Town Marina Manager/Assistant Harbormaster Derek Lawson to an Autumn meeting to discuss ideas for improving kayak storage at Ropes Beach. There was general agreement that the Civic Association should keep this subject in front of Town officials.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas K. Burgess, Secretary