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Minutes
Executive Board Meeting, Tuesday, October 1, 2019, 7:00 PM
Cotuit Library

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

Absent: Dave Doyle, Lallie Lloyd, Mike Scanlon

Guests: Derek Lawson, Town of Barnstable Mooring Officer; Jessica Rapp Grasseti, Town Councilor, Chris Cohoat, Association Website Advisor

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

Guest Presentation: Jim welcomed Derek Lawson who had been invited to review the current situation concerning vessel storage on Town property at Ropes Beach/Hooper's Landing. Derek noted that vessel storage numbers had remained steady at this site despite the implementation of the new sticker program. In August 2019, 50 dinghies, 69 kayaks, 3 small sailing boats and 7 paddle boards occupied the beach. Sticker fees town-wide generated \$14,000 and mooring fees \$330,600 which are set aside in a fund to cover operation costs of the Harbormaster's Office and Waterways. Discussion followed concerning the crowding and unsightly nature of the storage at Ropes. There was general agreement among the board members that a rack system which offered storage for kayaks and allowed dinghies use of the beach areas would be preferable to the current situation. Other towns do this and award storage spaces via a lottery system. Derek agreed to research the cost and design of racks perhaps to be placed on Town property to the west of the parking area at Ropes and along the fence on the east side of the parking lot. He will get back to Jim Dannhauser with his findings and plan for future discussion of this proposal.

Precinct 7 Report: Jessica Rapp Grasseti updated the board on the following items:

- **Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan**
 - Mark Milne will address the Town Council this week on proposed financing for the CWMP. The proposed association with Joint Base Cape Cod will also be presented. This latter proposal went forward without Town Council review but did not involve financial issues. The proposal was intended to join with other nearby towns in the permitting process.
 - The following week, the Town Council will devote a special meeting to the CWMP.

- **Roads**
 - The **road surfacing** scheduled for the past month was done quickly and efficiently on Coolidge St., Lewis Pond Road, and Highland Avenue.
 - Jessica had not heard concerning a review of the **stop signs at Ocean View and Main**. She will follow up. The Town will not put speed calming bumps on Ocean View Ave. despite a private petition submitted for this. The temporary speed sign here counted 18,202 vehicles passing between 8/12 and 9/13.
 - Jessica suggested that Jim Dannhauser submit his letter concerning Memorial Park to Chris Gonnella and Dan Santos, as he had not yet had a reply from the Town Manager.

- **Cotuit Elementary School**
 - The board thanked and concurred with Jessica for her letter to the School Committee reflecting her concern that the property has been poorly managed and that the village have a distinct say in its future, should the property revert to the Town from the School Committee.

Business meeting:

1. **Secretary's Report:** On a motion made and seconded, the Secretary's minutes of the Executive Board meeting of September 3, 2019 were accepted as written.
2. **Treasurer's Report:** On a motion made and seconded, the Treasurer's report to September 30, 2019 was accepted.

Old Business:

1. **Report on Fire District Meetings:** Carol reported that the Prudential Committee has proposed to have a special district meeting to allocate funds for further designs of the most recent to renovate the fire stations and build office space on the abutting site. She commented that in light of the possibility of the school property being declared surplus, other opportunities for village offices may be available. Jim Dannhauser stated that the Association is always willing to hear from the Prudential Committee both at executive board meetings and at general meetings, but that adequate preparation is a must and no presentations should be held without adequate preparation.
2. **Website Revamp:** Jim Dannhauser introduced Chris Cohoat, who has agreed to refresh the model of our website and try to provide increased functionality and an improved news section. Members offered suggestions for improvements including videos, direct connection to the Precinct 7 blog. There was general agreement that an option to pay dues on-line would be an improvement and bolster the e-mail list. The Board thanked Chris for his work.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas K. Burgess, Secretary