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**Minutes**  
**Executive Board Meeting, Tuesday, July 7, 2020, 7:00 PM**  
**On-Line Meeting via Zoom**

**Present:** James Dannhauser, Tom Burgess, Natalie Spence, Len Carter, Lallie Lloyd, Mark Lynch, Mike Scanlon, Mark Stranberg, Carol Zais

**Absent:** Seth Burdick, Chris Cohoat, Chris Gargiulo

**Guest:** Jessica Rapp Grassetti, Town Councilor, Scott and Pattie Berke, Dave and Beth Johnson, Margy Kornblum.

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

**Guest Meeting: Main Street Traffic and a proposed three-way stop at Putnam Avenue and Main Street.** Jim Dannhauser and Jessica noted that there had been numerous concerns expressed about the volume of traffic on the primary roads of the Village and the speed at which cars proceeded. That had been the genesis of the proposed three-way stop. The guests, who abut the proposed three way stop, that had been proposed, objected to its installation on the grounds that traffic would become backed up in front of the Cotuit Grocery and prevent egress from their driveways. Jessica stated that the Town had already agreed to dispense with the three-way stop and had indicated that a stop sign just on the south-facing side of Main Street at the intersection with Main was not possible. Instead, the Town planned to install crosswalks at Putnam and Main as well as at Old Shore and Main this summer. She expressed the hope that these would later be converted to raised crosswalks such as the one in front of the Cotuit Post Office. Tom Burgess suggested that a crosswalk might be appropriate at Main St. and Lowell Ave. as there is considerable pedestrian traffic to and from the ballpark in all seasons. Pattie Berke noted that the long straightaway from Santuit to Lowell Ave. leads to excessive speeding. Jessica reported that the Town is seeking to gain permission from the State to post lower speed limits in the villages. There was general agreement that a speed of 20 to 25 mph was appropriate for the village. Raised cross walks and enforcement would help create a safer environment for pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists. Lallie Lloyd asked that in a future meeting traffic issues affecting south Main Street from Loop to Oregon Beach be discussed. There are any more pedestrians using the road than in the past and the 90 degree turn at Pinquickset Cove Road is very dangerous.

**Business Meeting:**

- 1. Secretary's Report:** On a motion made and seconded, the Secretary's minutes of the Executive Board meeting of June 2, 2020 were accepted as written.
- 2. Treasurer's Report:** On a motion made and seconded, the Treasurer's report to June 30, 2020 was accepted as written. Natalie noted that there had been a very satisfactory response to the annual letter soliciting dues.
- 3. Precinct 7 Report:** Jessica Rapp Grassetti updated the board on the following items:
  - Transfer Station:** New Stickers are available on-line and via drop-off. Enforcement will not begin until August 1. No returnable bottles or cans are being accepted. Recycling for these has to be done at stores.

- **Town Offices** are open by appointment only for those who wish to pay their taxes in person or do other business.
  - **No Town Meetings will be held in-house for the foreseeable future due to Covid restrictions.**
4. **July General Meeting:** Although village traffic is a general concern, it was felt that until the current changes are implemented, this topic would not be suitable. At Carol's suggestion, Jim will host an open meeting via Zoom on July 21, at which Jessica will provide an update to Villagers on developments of note in the Town and the Village.
  5. **McKinnon property/Town Dock:** The property owner has been proceeding through the Conservation, Waterways and Legal Departments of the Town exploring permitting for a dock adjacent to the Town Dock, based upon legal rights of long-standing granted by the State.. Jim Dannhauser has met with owner who proposes to provide permanent space for the emergency boat and provide space for a seasonal structure for an office and restrooms. It was agreed that Jim would invite Mr. McKinnon to make a presentation of his plans to the village at the Annual Meeting in August with the understanding that the Civic Association is doing so merely as an effort to inform the public of the property owner's proposals.
  6. **4<sup>th</sup> of July:** Jim Dannhauser and the Board thanked Mark Lynch, Mark Stranberg and Len Carter as well as Mark Lynch's wife, who had worked hard to bring off the successful photographic event on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend. Prizes are to be delivered on July 8 and the photos of all who wished to participate are posted on Facebook under Cotuit Connections. This was a fine effort on their part on the Association's behalf.
  7. **Report on Fire District Commissioners' Meetings:** Meeting had yet to commence after the Fire District Elections.

**The Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Thomas K. Burgess, Secretary