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Minutes
Executive Board Meeting, Tuesday, August 4, 2020, 7:00 PM
On-Line Meeting via Zoom

Present: James Dannhauser, Tom Burgess, Len Carter, Lallie Lloyd, Mark Lynch, Mark Stranberg, Carol Zais

Absent: Seth Burdick, Chris Cohoat, Chris Gargiulo, Natalie Spence, Mike Scanlon,

Guest: Jessica Rapp Grassetti, Town Councilor,

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

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

- **August 20 Town Council Meeting:** The agenda for this meeting includes discussion and possible voting on the short-term rental ordinance and changes to the zoning laws. 9 Yes votes are needed to carry changes to the zoning regulations, a simple majority is necessary to carry the short-term rental ordinance. Complete information on these items can be found on the Town of Barnstable web page.
- **Town Committees** are seeking members. The Planning Board, the Zoning Board of Appeals, and the Shellfish Committee all are seeking to fill places. Volunteers should contact the Town offices.
- **Covid-19 funds from the State:** In response to a question that had been raised at the District Prudential Committee, Jessica reported that the Cotuit Fire District may apply for reimbursement for expenses from the State Covid-19 funds distributed to the Town of Barnstable.
- **Asset Management Advisory Committee:** The next meeting will be held via Zoom on 8/20 at 6:00 PM. Those interested should check the website for the exact time. Discussion of the future of the Cotuit Elementary School property will continue. Jessica noted that there are still entities interested in using the building. Attendance at these meetings has been good and is encouraged. She will insist that the fields remain under town ownership and maintenance.
- **“No Through Trucks” signs:** In response to a request from a resident of Banfield Drive to have such a sign placed on this road, the DPW reported that a study would have to be made to determine the need. In the process, it was discovered that similar signs on Piney Road at Main and School Street had been placed there by a resident, not the Town. They have been removed and returned to the resident.
- **Parking/Crosswalks:** The yellow stripes at the Cotuit Grocery seems to be working. Jessica hopes that crosswalks will be installed soon.
- **Lowell Ave./Putnam Ave:** Someone narrowly avoided an accident while turning left off Putnam Ave. onto Lowell Ave. via the southern part of the intersection. Left turns from Putnam on to

Lowell should be made by passing the monument and taking the north entrance to the intersection. The shape of the island reflects driving patterns of yesteryear.

- **The School Committee** will be meeting to establish plans for re-opening. The superintendent gave a very thorough explanation of alternatives potentially available as part of the Town Manager update on Friday, July 31.
- **Wastewater Treatment:** In response to a query from Jim Dannhauser, Jessica will research the status of the Town Wastewater Treatment Plan at the State level.

Business Meeting:

1. **Secretary's Report:** On a motion made and seconded, the Secretary's minutes of the Executive Board meeting of July 7, 2020 were accepted as written.
2. **Treasurer's Report:** On a motion made and seconded, the Treasurer's report to July 31, 2020 was accepted as written. Jim Dannhauser noted that there are 291 paid up members as of this date. In September a reminder will be sent to 2019 members who have not renewed their membership.
3. **Nomination of Directors for August Election:** Jim Dannhauser announced with regret the resignation of Chris Gargiulo from the Board. The demands of his business and his coaching schedule for school hockey prevent him from running for re-election. Seth Burdick has retired from the Board upon his election to the Prudential Committee. Tom Burgess for the Nominating Committee presented Phil Odence as a candidate to stand for election at the forthcoming annual meeting, along with Jim Dannhauser, Tom Burgess, and Lallie Lloyd, each for terms ending in 2023. On a motion made and seconded, these nominations were accepted unanimously. Tom also nominated Bryan Horsley to complete Seth Burdick's term ending in 2021. On a motion duly made and seconded, Bryan was elected to fill the vacancy created by Seth Burdick's resignation on the Board.
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5. **August General Meeting, Tuesday August 18, at 7:30 PM:** At the suggestion of Carol Zais, Jim Dannhauser will ask Zenas Crocker of the Barnstable Clean Water Coalition to make a presentation on alternative septic systems at the Zoom meeting. The Annual Meeting to elect new members of the Board will precede the presentation.
6. **Report on Fire District Commissioners' Meetings:** Carol Zais reported that the Water Commissioners are researching purchasing a vehicle for the superintendent who has been using his own vehicle in order to follow Covid-19 precautions. A special District Meeting would be required to finance such a purchase. The Prudential Committee is also considering requesting a special District meeting to authorize the refinancing of a bond of \$1,000,000 at the lower rates available currently. The Fire Commissioners are discussing the development of a long-term maintenance plan.

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:45PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas K. Burgess, Secretary