



P. O. Box 121  
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**Minutes**  
**Executive Board Meeting, Tuesday, July 6, 2021, 7:00 PM**  
**Cotuit Memorial Library**

**Present:** James Dannhauser, Carol Zais, Len Carter, Lallie Lloyd, Phil Odence, Mike Scanlon, Mark Stranberg, Lisa Vasiloff, Natalie Spence

**Absent:** Bryan Horsley, Tom Burgess

**Guest:** Jessica Rapp Grasseti, Town Councilor; Mark Ells, Town Manager; Matthew Levesque, President of Barnstable Town Council

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

**Business Meeting:**

1. **Secretary's Report:** On a motion made and seconded, the Secretary's minutes of the Executive Board meeting of June 1, 2021, were accepted as written.
2. **Treasurer's Report:** On a motion made and seconded, the Treasurer's report to June 30, 2021 was accepted as written.

**Old Business:**

1. **Parade:** All felt it was a success and that small is beautiful. A question as to whether there would be a fishing tourney in future years. May want to keep expenses down, including whether arrange bands for future years.
2. **Water Commissioners Meeting:** Discussion was about communications regarding changes for the future. Jim Dannhauser noted that the Association meeting scheduled for July 19 would feature a discussion by representatives of the Water Department regarding their various decisions of late.

**New Business:**

1. **Loop Beach:** Still closed. Questions about getting Riley's tested. (We have been subsequently informed that Riley's is tested regularly, that Loop is reopened, and that investigation regarding cause of Loop closure will be conducted by the Town.)

**Town Management:**

1. **Opening**
  - a. They are meeting with all the civic associations as there are big decisions coming down that will impact all the villages
  - b. Wastewater
  - c. Local Comprehensive Plan
2. **Wastewater:** Water resource management is a huge topic
  - a. A \$10,000 sewer assessment was just approved by the town council
  - b. Cotuit could be considered for sewers sooner than we might expect, depending upon discussions with Joint Base Cape Cod. If this occurs, it would be on the west side of the Village.
  - c. Funding remains an issue in the face of increasing demands for all other services

- d. Seems to be going into the direction of spreading burden across all residents
  - e. Needs to be coordinated with other Towns; active discussions with Mashpee/Sandwich, and Joint Base Cape Cod
3. **Loop Beach**
- a. Lots of concern at the Town level
  - b. Investigations being initiated, into septic systems in the area, for example
4. **Land Use Challenges**
- a. In face of infrastructure projects
  - b. Local Comprehensive plan is critical; needs local participation
  - c. Committed to allowing Villages a voice
  - d. Civic Associations will be active conduits starting in the fall
    - i. Data collection – 18 months
    - ii. Draft by to be formed committee
    - iii. Following Cape Cod Commission’s guidance
  - e. Cotuit
    - i. JRG- Suggests looking at resurrecting a small commercial district, “Cotuit Port” maybe
    - ii. Important to engage summer residents *before* plans are mostly baked
    - iii. Zoom is an opportunity
    - iv. CSCA would like to participate in kick off communications
5. **Town Demographics**
- a. Rapid increase in population on Cape, possibly in reaction to impacts of Covid
  - b. Large immigrant population; 13-15% of school kids in Barnstable have English as a second language
  - c. Figuring out how to engage the diverse community
  - d. Recruiting diversity for various committees
6. **Follow up**
- a. Aug 10, 8:30am- meeting with Town Staff at Freedom Hall
  - b. School Property
    - i. We need to move fast on transfer
    - ii. Cotuit representatives are ready to talk
    - iii. How will all of the assets be managed going forward and who gets what are the key questions for this matter.
  - c. Traffic
    - i. A big issue everywhere
    - ii. Raised walks- Just need Police and Fire Depts to say it’s a safety issue
      - 1. But concern about unsightly signage, lights etc. that may be required
    - iii. Additional considerations:
      - 1. Community Service Officers for summer
      - 2. Lowered speed limit
      - 3. Increased ticketing effort including for Landscapers parked in traffic lanes

**The Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,  
L. Philip Odenca, Acting Secretary