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Minutes
Executive Board Meeting, Tuesday, August 3, 2021, 7:00 PM
Cotuit Memorial Library

Present: James Dannhauser, Natalie Spence, Tom Burgess, Len Carter, Lallie Lloyd, Phil Odence, Mike Scanlon, Mark Stranberg, Lisa Vasiloff

Absent: Bryan Horsley, Carol Zais

Guests: Jessica Rapp Grassetti, Town Councilor; Jessica Rudden-Dube, Director, Cotuit Library

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

Guest Presentation: Jim Dannhauser and the members of the Executive Board introduced themselves to Jessica Redden-Dube, who welcomed the Board's interest in and support of the Cotuit Library. Jessica is excited to have made the transition from Plimoth Plantation to the Cotuit Library. She hopes to reinvigorate the library space after the trials of the pandemic with particular emphasis on the children's² section. She is eager to partner with those interested in fostering programs and will be focusing on making the library an integral part of education for the young. Circulation is up from 2019, and children's' programming is particularly successful. Staffing is going through a transition with the departure of summer temporary staff and the retirement of Kathy Pratt. Len Carter complimented Jessica on her work thus far at the library, and Jim Dannhauser reminded her that the Civic Association website and the *Cotuit Currents* both provide opportunities for announcing scheduled library activities for adults and children.

Business Meeting:

1. **Secretary's Report:** On a motion made and seconded, the Secretary's minutes of the Executive Board meeting of July 6, 2021, were accepted as written.
2. **Treasurer's Report:** On a motion made and seconded, the Treasurer's report to July 31, 2021, was accepted as written.

Precinct 7 Report: Jessica reported that most of her information concerned the traffic issues arising from recent changes made by the Town in the village. This includes:

- Signage: failure to heed the stop signs at Ocean View and Main; alteration of sticker parking past Cross St. and Ocean View - this should be changed back to sticker parking
- No parking on High St.: This seems to have arisen from enforcement of no parking on Main with reference to landscape vehicles and trailers. Equal enforcement on High St. was requested because of continuing construction on the road. Installation of granite curbing at the repaving has complicated matters. The needs of the Church and the Preschool need to be taken into consideration. Lane painting may complicate matters here as well.
- All the above will be subjects for discussion at the Concerns of Cotuit meeting on August 10
- Jessica recommended that Natalie Spence make a complaint to the Prudential Committee concerning the closing of the Freedom Hall parking lot on weekends. It has been closed when no event has been scheduled. It is unclear whether the Fire District is remunerated by those who seek to reserve the parking area.

Old Business:

- 1. Nomination of Candidates for Board:** Tom Burgess thanked Carol Zais and Phil Odenca for their help in seeking out candidates for the Board. He gave a precis of Kris Sexton's background and proposed her as a candidate to fill the remainder of Mark Lynch's term which expires in 2022. On a motion made and seconded, this was accepted unanimously. Tom Burgess moved that Natalie Spence, Len Carter, Bryan Horsely, and Lisa Vasiloff, who are willing to remain on the board, be nominated for election at the Annual Meeting. On a motion made and seconded, the nominations were accepted unanimously.
- 2. Annual Meeting:** On a motion made and seconded, the Annual Meeting of the Cotuit Santuit Civic Association was set for Monday August 23 at 7:30 at Freedom Hall.
- 3. Concerns of Cotuit:** Jim Dannhauser reviewed the history of this meeting and its effectiveness in the past. He encouraged all members to attend and to make themselves heard about the issues listed. Lallie Lloyd noted that the Town lacks a noise ordinance. Construction/landscaping work starting early and ending late seems to be an emerging issue both with respect to noise and parking.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas K. Burgess, Secretary