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

Present: James Dannhauser, Carol Zais, Natalie Spence, Tom Burgess, Len Carter, Phil Odenca, Kris Sexton, Mark Stranberg, Lisa Vasiloff

Absent: Bryan Horsley, Lallie Lloyd, Mike Scanlon

Guest: Jessica Rapp Grasseti, Town Councilor

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 August 3, 2021, were accepted as written.
2. **Treasurer's Report:** On a motion made and seconded, the Treasurer's report to August 31, 2021, was accepted as written.

Precinct 7 Report:

- Road Improvements including repaving will be beginning on Ocean View Avenue and Popponesset Road this month. Tom Burgess noted that Dan Santos, DPW Administrator, and he had visited Cross St. on the way to Riley's Beach. Dan will pull back the parking by two spaces on the downward slope and establish a rain garden to prevent erosion. Tom asked that the "No Parking" in front of 165 and 172 Ocean View revert to the status of "Sticker Only Parking" which this area has had until this year in order to compensate for the loss of the spaces on Cross Street.
- There is no further news concerning the parking on High St. Someone has requested a 4 way stop at Piney and Popponesset Road. Residents are parking illegally on Piney to slow traffic.
- The raised crosswalk at Putnam and Main poses some issues as there is no pedestrian space on the southeast corner. The cross walk should go on the north side of the intersection, but that requires pedestrians coming from Ropes Beach to cross Putnam.
- The closing of the Town Dock to vehicular traffic has raised some issues for businesses that use the dock. However, masts can be pulled at Prince Cove.
- Jessica is waiting to hear about potential for beach replenishment at Ropes. Riley's does not need it.
- Shellfishing remains closed after storm Ida statewide. That should change within days
- There will be a public meeting on 29 September concerning the awarding of Aquaculture licenses and grants and changes to shellfish regulations.
- Freedom Hall: "No Parking" issues: The Fire District was remunerated by construction entities using the parking lot while on a nearby job. Vehicles are towed or ticketed only when they have flagrantly overstayed on the lot. This is a Fire District concern.
- To a query from Kris Sexton, Jessica stated that the president of the Town Council does not currently wish to press for a 25-mph limit in the village. Residents wishing this should address

their concerns to Matthew Levesque, Town Council President at matthewlevesque02648@gmail.com

- Carol Zais asked if any decision had been made concerning reconfiguration of the island at the corner of Putnam and Lowell Avenues to better allow for keeping right of the island when making a left hand turn onto Putnam from Lowell. Jessica advised her to contact Dan Santos.

Old Business:

1. **Nomination and Election of Officers of the Board:** Tom Burgess, for the nominating committee, nominated Jim Dannhauser for the office of President, Carol Zais for Vice President, Natalie Spence for Treasurer, and Tom Burgess for Secretary. The nominations were accepted, and the elections were approved unanimously.
2. **Xmas in Cotuit:** There was general agreement that plans should move ahead with the traditional Christmas in Cotuit, adapting as the need arises to conditions imposed by the pandemic. The horse and coach ride can no longer be provided as that individual has gone out of business. The Events Committee: Len Carter, Mark Stranberg, and Lisa Vasiloff, will research other possibilities. There will be the possibility for villagers to hang ornaments on the tree. After discussion, it was agreed that charitable donations should be an integral part of the event with three drop-off locations, each large enough to handle the volume of donations given last year. The fire station, Freedom Hall and the Cotuit school were suggested as possible sites. If the traditional Xmas routine can be observed, no plans will be made for a drive-around such as was done last year.
3. **Website renovation:** Phil Odenca has begun to work on this. The Board unanimously approved the final redesign for the Association logo. Kris Sexton has experience with WordPress and will help Phil as will some neighbors of hers who also have experience in this area.
4. **General Meetings:** The requisite number of general meetings have been held for this year. Vineyard Wind has expressed a willingness to address a meeting. Jim will advise them that June 2022 may be an appropriate time. Kris Sexton suggested that some research be done concerning the possibility of a pro and con meeting about proposed expansion of Mashpee Commons and the impact of that plan. Jim suggested that Candidates and Budget night be held via Zoom only as it provides the best support for visuals of the budget etc.

New Business:

1. **Technical Issues at Freedom Hall:** There are two principal problems: the unreliability of WiFi and the echoing sound which distorts voices. There have been a number of people working on these with the best intentions. The upcoming Fire Commissioners' meeting which will be held on Monday, September 13, will provide a test of the latest suggested improvements to deal with these two issues.

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas K. Burgess, Secretary