



P. O. Box 121
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Minutes
Executive Board Meeting, Tuesday, April 5, 7:00 PM
Cotuit Memorial Library

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

Absent: Natalie Spence, Bryan Horsley, Phil Odence, Kris Sexton, Lisa Vasiloff

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 December 7, 2021, were accepted as written.
2. **Treasurer's Report:** On a motion made and seconded, the Treasurer's report to March 31, 2021, was accepted as written.

Precinct 7 Report:

- Route 28, intersection of 28 and Santuit/Newtown Road: Mark Ells, Town Manager, has written the District Highway Director for the Massachusetts Department of Transportation to request prioritization of improvements to this intersection. Studies have been completed, but normally a significant lag time occurs before implementation of improvements. The Town is willing to partner to make changes to this dangerous intersection.
- Transfer Station fees: The fee for a sticker will rise to \$300.00 to cover cost of removing waste off Cape.
- Old Shore Road: Concerns have been expressed about reduced visibility at the Hooper's Landing from encroaching Leyland Cypresses. There have also been questions raised about the wall being built along the road here and the additions made to the Town bollards along the road.
- Town Dock: Complaints continue about the presence of the bollard blocking vehicle access to the dock, especially from commercial fishermen and yacht launchers. This should be placed on the Concerns of Cotuit for discussion at the May meeting with Town officials. Signage in this area has recently been reduced and cleaned up.
- Kettle-Ho: No-Parking signs have been removed in front of the restaurant.
- Town Council meeting, Thursday, April 7: This year's version of the Town Capital Improvement plan will be read into the record. There are no funds for raised crosswalks on Main Street in the CIP, but Jessica hopes that these can be funded from another source. The Town Manager is recommending that Community Preservation funding be used for Memorial Park.. The Civic Association has pledged funds to support this project.
- Vineyard Wind, Third Phase: This will most probably come ashore at Dowse's Beach in Osterville.
- Lowell/Putnam Intersection: Carol Zais inquired if any movement had been made on improving the intersection of Lowell Ave. and Putnam. A discussion ensued after which it was agreed to put this item on the Concerns of Cotuit and arrange an on-site visit with Dan Santos after the May meeting.

Old Business:

1. **4th of July Parade:** Permits are in hand. Henry O'Shaughnessy is organizing the Cotuit Fishing Tournament this year. Some funds from the tournament will go for a memorial bench on Town Property in memory of Rick Barry, former co-organizer of the Fishing Tournament, Town Councilor and member of the Cotuit Santuit Civic Association who recently passed away. The rest of the proceeds are likely to come to the Civic Association. An effort will be made to get the Town DPW to drop traffic barricades and cones at the fire station parking lot prior to the parade and to pick them up there after the event, as opposed to volunteers needing to pick them up and return them to DPW.
2. **General Meetings:** Various suggestions were made for general meetings. It was unanimously agreed that the Candidates' and Budget meeting on May 17 be held remotely to allow for appropriate exposition of budget materials and recording of the meeting for persons unable to attend at the meeting time. Other general meetings will be held in person, pending the need to change should virus conditions worsen. Given the fickle nature of the IT at Freedom Hall, hybrid meetings are not satisfactory.
3. **Cotuit Clean-up Day:** This will be held on Saturday, May 14 in the AM with a rain date of May 20. Mike Scanlon will coordinate with Jim Dannhauser.
4. **Concerns of Cotuit:** Jim Dannhauser has communicated with the Town Manager about a date for this meeting. A target date is Wednesday, May 18 at 8:30 AM at Freedom Hall. Board members should submit to Jim Dannhauser their suggestions for items to be put on the agenda of this meeting by the end of April. Jim will circulate a draft shortly.
5. **Fire District Meetings:** At the recent Prudential Meeting the proposed budget for the district began to be reviewed. Expenses for the District are expected to rise by approximately 7%, but no increase in the tax levy is currently contemplated as there is sufficient "free cash" from this year's budget to offset this increase. All committees of the Fire District are in the process of making 5-year capital improvement plans. This has never been done previously. There are projects contemplated of significant expense, e.g., a new or improved fire station, a water treatment plant, etc. All nine elected members of the district committees will meet together to discuss and work on these 5-year plans and consider options for addressing the financial requirements that they entail.
6. **Cotuit School:** The committee is moving slowly ahead with complicated paperwork regarding the division of this property between the Town and Fire District.

New Business:

1. **Constant Contact:** Board members agreed to advertise the Conservation Law Foundation forum on clean water on April 6 from 4-5 PM via Constant Contact. Jim Dannhauser will also circulate information on Barnstable Neighbor to Neighbor via this avenue later in the week. Barnstable Neighbor to Neighbor brings together older residents, who are living safely and independently in their own homes and need some additional support, with volunteers who are looking for ways to assist their neighbors. This might include giving a ride to a social event or appointment, running an errand, or assisting with a household activity.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas K. Burgess, Secretary