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

Present: Carol Zais, Tom Burgess, Len Carter, Lallie Lloyd, Mark Stranberg, Kris Sexton, Lisa Vasiloff,

Absent: James Dannhauser, Natalie Spence, Phil Odence, Mike Scanlon

Guest: Jessica Rapp Grasseti, Town Councilor

Call to Order: Carol Zais 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 April 5, 2022, were accepted as written.
2. **Treasurer's Report:** In the absence of Natalie Spence, the Board reviewed the abridged report submitted by her and deferred final acceptance of a Treasurer's Report until the full report is submitted.

Precinct 7 Report:

- Jessica welcomed the renewal of the Concerns of Cotuit meeting with Town Department Heads. This will be held on May 18 at 8:30 AM in Freedom Hall with the Board.
- For those interested, public hearings will resume for the Twin Brooks Golf Course development proposal via Zoom on Tuesday May 17 at 5:30 PM. The Zoom ID is 96750305211 with a sign in of 'join' no capitalization. She urged those interested to speak up before the Cape Cod Commission and the Town.
- The application by the Cotuit Federated Church for circa \$180,000 of Community Preservation Act funds will come before the Town Council this week. This sum covers restoration of historic aspects of the building.
- Seasonal shellfish area closures have begun in North Bay, Shoestring Bay, Cupid's Cove and Seapuit River.
- Jessica is disappointed that only one resident from Cotuit is on the recently named Local Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee. This leaves our village underrepresented on the committee, although other areas of the Town will be attracting more attention in the LCP than this village.

Old Business:

1. **Calendar items:** Carol Zais drew attention to the following calendar items:
 - a. **Clean Up Day is set for May 14, with May 21 as rain date.** Participants are to meet at Lowell Park at 10:00 a.m. Please let Jim Dannhauser know if you plan to take part – advance notice allows better planning for route assignment.
 - b. **Concerns of Cotuit Meeting is set for May 18 at Freedom Hall, starting at 8:30 a.m.** This is intended to be a private meeting for the Association Board members and Jessica with the Town management.
 - c. **Candidates and Budget Night is set for May 17, starting at 7:30 p.m.** Meeting to be held on Zoom. Website statistics show this to be the best way to inform voters of issues before the CFD elections and annual meeting. Information to join Zoom meeting is:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81181737547?pwd=ekt1bHhvcUdUMStN1loZXNBS2N1Zz09>

Meeting ID: 811 8173 7547

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- d. **Cotuit Fire District election day is May 24.** Voting is open at Freedom Hall from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 - e. **Cotuit Fire District Annual Meeting is May 25 at Freedom Hall, starting at 7:30 p.m.**
2. **Concerns of Cotuit:** The list is is still in draft stages. The Board suggested the following topics be added:
- a. **Gas-fueled Leaf Blowers:** This is a matter of some concern throughout the State with several communities adopting noise ordinance restrictions on their use. It merits discussion as a separate item. The Board expressed its thanks to Phil Odence for his hard work on this topic.
 - b. **Winter road salting:** Lallie Lloyd will research what the Town is using for de-icing roads. The Village's water is high in sodium, and road salt is a primary contributor.
 - c. **Police patrolling:** There is continued need for routine patrolling throughout the village. Santuit Road, for one, has a speeding problem. Does the Town have metrics on traffic and police patrols in the village?
 - d. **Private Roads, Maintenance etc.:** Kris Sexton asked what leverage the Town uses to enforce maintenance of private roads, e.g. to allow for safe passage of emergency vehicles. This led to a general discussion on the subject, questioning whether the Town routinely takes private roads public.
3. **4th of July Parade:** The Events Committee will meet soon to start the registration process. Carol gave the "burner" phone to Lisa Vasiloff to use for the event.

New Business:

1. **Board Vacancies:** Bryan Horsley has resigned from the Board due to scheduling conflicts with meetings. Mike Scanlon's term is ending after the July Board meeting. Tom Burgess asked Board members to reach out to people whom they think might be interested in joining the Board. Carol Zais reported that she had approached a potential member. One candidate could join immediately and fill Bryan's vacancy. It was agreed to mention the vacancies in the next issue of *Cotuit Currents* with the proviso that interest arising from that area be vetted by Board members.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas K. Burgess, Secretary