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**Minutes**  
**Executive Board Meeting, Wednesday, July 13, 2022, 7:00 PM**  
**Cotuit Library**

**Present:** James Dannhauser, Carol Zais [via Zoom], Tom Burgess, Lallie Lloyd, Phil Oence [via Zoom], Mike Scanlon, Kris Sexton, Mike Scanlon, Lisa Vasiloff

**Absent:** Len Carter, Natalie Spence, Mark Stranberg

**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 7, 2022, were accepted as written.
- 2. Treasurer's Report:** On a motion made and seconded, the Treasurer's report to July 12, 2022, was accepted. Jim Dannhauser suggested that the Civic Association consider utilizing money from our reserve fund to hire professional help to wholly redesign the Association website. The Board concurred and Carol Zais, Jim and Kris Sexton will research potential help.
- 3. Precinct 7 Report:** Jim Dannhauser reported in Jessica Rapp Grasseti's absence that Town and District Council and Committee meetings should resume in person as of July 15, 2022, unless the State extends remote access before that time. Jessica noted that there were many requests for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July pinned ribbons which the Fire Association used to hand out. She suggested that the Civic Association consider providing these in the future.

**Old Business:**

- 1. 4th of July Parade:** Jim Dannhauser thanked the members for their contributions before and on the day. All agreed that the Parade went off very well. Chief Sean Brown deserves many thanks for the terrific fire crew presence at the parade. Police estimated that some 16,000 people attended, making the visitors possibly the largest crowd the Parade has attracted. The committee reviewed and accepted the following list of improvements suggested by the Events Committee:
  - a.** To put together maps that clearly delineate where parking is permitted and encouraged. The areas include the south side of School Street from Crocker Neck to Piney, the east side of Highland, the east side of Old Oyster Road from Coolidge St. on up to the Elementary School, the Elementary School lot, and the lot at Lowell Park. These maps should be given to all police personnel and all volunteers. All the maps should be posted on our web site and our Facebook page. There should be signage with the parking directions visible at each location.

- b. To consider reserving the parking lot at the Post Office, as well as some spaces at the Elementary School and/or Lowell Park for handicapped. All the maps should be posted on our web site and our Facebook page. There should be signage with the parking directions visible at each location.
- c. To reinforce the message that Village roads will be shut down to traffic at 10:00 AM. This includes Putnam at Lowell, and at Main, Main just south of the Elementary School entrance, Main St. and Coolidge St., High St. and Coolidge St., High St. and Lake St., Main St. and School St. and School St. and Highland Ave. Full barriers should be placed at certain locations as people did drive around the single ones. This information should be posted on our web site and on our Facebook page, and also delivered via a written note to all residents of Main St. that the road will be closed at 10:00 a.m. and they should advise any company to arrive before that time.
- d. A volunteer is needed at School and Highland making sure that no cars go down School Street from there and directing them to the available parking. Police should be advised not to direct traffic to park at the golf course lot, and a volunteer should be located at Coolidge and High St. to be sure no one tries to go down Coolidge. This could be handled by the same person stationed at Main and Coolidge.
- e. On walking group applications, information should be supplied regarding applications by any unknown groups to be sure that there is no controversial or inappropriate messaging associated with them.
- f. The order of the walking groups and their proximity to the fire equipment and associated noise should be worked out. We should consider having two Parade marshals at the front of the Parade carrying a Civic Association banner should both advertise our role and keep the antique cars at walking speed and prevent the large gap that occurred between them and the following floats as the Parade went down Main Street.
- g. Better signage is needed for the order of the walking groups – Mark Stranberg will speak with Cape Cod Tech. New signs for the location of the antique cars and the floats would be an improvement as well. And on general banners, we need to refer to our web site address for people to get information. A fresh look at the web site in general is in order, but specific focus on the parade section is something that would be useful.
- h. A large number of people asked about the “pins” that had in years past been handed out to Parade visitors. These had never been done by the Civic Association – they were made and handed out by the Fire Association, which no longer exists. All felt that we should look at doing those in future years, as there was huge request for them. Mark Stranberg and Lisa Vasiloff now have a photo of what they looked like and will consider options.
- i. It was recommended that several push brooms for volunteers be supplied for using to push candy tossed from cars and floats to the side of road to limit risk that children run out in front of vehicles to get candy – especially along School Street at beginning of Parade where crowds are deepest and lots of candy is tossed.

**2. Nominations for members of the Board:** Tom Burgess reported that one new member has agreed to join the board. Another candidate is having second thoughts but he hoped that both he and Kris Sexton can convince this candidate, who has extensive experience with website design, to join and provide experience to review our efforts to get professional help for the website.

- 3. General Meetings:** A public meeting will be held at Freedom Hall on Tuesday, July 19, 2002 at 7:30 PM. The Director of External Affairs for the wind farm initiatives coming ashore on the south side of the Cape will give a presentation. On a motion made and seconded, it was agreed to hold the Annual Meeting of the Civic Association at Freedom Hall on **Tuesday, August 16, 2002, at 7:30 PM.** Discussion ensued concerning potential speakers in the event that Elizabeth Jenkins of the Planning Board is not prepared to present concerning the Comprehensive Local Planning Initiative to be undertaken by the Town. Kris Sexton noted that there is a committee discussing the general housing crisis affecting the Town. Cotuit residents need to be made more aware of its range and severity. This could be a possible stand-in for the August meeting.

**New Business:**

- 1. Cotuit Currents:** Theresa Eagan will cease being the editor of the *Cotuit Currents* with the December Issue. A possible replacement would prefer that the print version be replaced by a wholly digital one. This was deemed damaging to fund raising as the coupon on the print edition garners significant contributions monthly. The Board needs to examine the role the print version plays and how to redesign the *Currents* to align with a new website. It was agreed to devote the September meeting to this topic.

**The Meeting was adjourned at 8:04 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas K. Burgess, Secretary