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Minutes
Executive Board Meeting, Tuesday, November 1, 2022, 7:00 PM
Cotuit Library

Present: Carol Zais, Lisa Vasiloff, Tom Burgess, Jim Dannhauser, Dave Fravel, Jamie Jackson, Lallie Lloyd, Phil Odenca, Kris Sexton, Mark Stranberg

Absent: Natalie Spence

Guest: Jessica Rapp Grassetti, Precinct 7 Town Councilor

Call to Order: Carol Zais called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Business meeting:

1. **Secretary's Minutes:** On a motion made and seconded, the minutes of the Executive Board meeting of October 4, 2022, were approved.
2. **Treasurer's Report:** On a motion made and seconded, the Treasurer's Report through October 31, 2022, was accepted.
3. **Precinct 7 Report:**
 - **Shellfishing:** Oyster season opens in Barnstable on 11/2/22. Scudder Lane in Barnstable and Bridge St. and Bay St. in Osterville all will be open.
 - **Flu Clinic:** A final flu clinic will be offered by the Town on 11/2/22 at the Adult Center.
 - **Small Vessels:** These must be removed from Town waterfront property by 11/15/22 unless otherwise stickered by the Town Mooring Officer.
 - **Asset Management Committee:** The yearly review of properties owned by the Town but no longer in use will be held Thursday evening 11/3/22 at 7 PM at Town Hall. The Cotuit School property will be in this review. The transfer of the property will not come before the Town Council until January.
 - **New Title V Regulations:** Cotuit residents should take note of the fact that the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection is in the process of revising the Title V septic regulations for Cape Cod, principally regarding improving the water quality of bays and embayments by reducing the nitrogen in wastewater effluent. MassDEP is seeking public comment on the draft regulations until 12/16. The agency will also hold virtual and public hearings on 11/30, 12/1 and 12/5. The meeting on 12/5 will be held at Barnstable Town Hall at 6:00 PM. Carol Zais will send out a Constant Contact information sheet about this, once she has incorporated contact points suggested by the Conservation Law Foundation.

Old Business:

4. **Update on Xmas in Cotuit:** Lisa Vasiloff reported that preparations are moving along well. The poster designs, prepared by students of Cape Cod Tech, will be chosen soon, and this year's poster will have a QR Code that will direct users to the recently purchased URL: ChristmasinCotuit.org where there will be a schedule of events. There will again be a food and diaper drive from 4-7 PM on 11/30 and 12/1 with drop

stations at Freedom Hall and the Fire Station. The Board moved to spend \$500.00 to purchase diapers for the drive. Dave Fravel and Kris Sexton are working on the design of ChristmasinCotuit.org. Mark Stranberg will get design assets forwarded to them as soon as the poster design is chosen and coordinate with Carol and the publication of this month's issue of *Cotuit Currents*. Phil and Jim Dannhauser will forward photos of previous year's activities for the site. Board members volunteered for various tasks and events associated with the day. Len Carter reported that because the Xmas lights were not removed from the tree last year in a timely fashion, all new lights are necessary this year. The Board moved to spend \$256.00 for new lights. Bartlett will again put up the lights, but Len and Jim Dannhauser will approach the fire chief about removing them. This aspect of Xmas in Cotuit should be reviewed before next year.

5. Update on the *Cotuit Currents*:

- a. The subcommittee is in the process of contacting the 21 +/- contributors to the monthly calendar. They are meeting the more frequent contributors in person and contacting the less frequent by e-mail informing them that each issue will come out in the middle of the month previous to the information supplied, i.e., an issue published on November 15 will be the December issue and have calendar information for December only. Deadlines for submission will be hard and not subject to follow-up. Committee members will also be asking how the *Currents* can serve them better.
- b. Two people have reached out to Carol Zais about the editorship position, and one may be a strong possibility. She is doing a "shadow" issue for Carol. Jamie Jackson recommended a potential qualified candidate to Carol. Jamie will forward contact information to Carol and speak with the possible candidate.

6. **Fire District Meetings:** Carol asked that members be prepared to sign up for a 3-month stint of attending – either in person or via the recorded meeting – the meetings of the 3 Fire District entities: Prudential Committee, Fire Commissioners, and Water Commissioners. As an addendum, she hoped that members of the Board would find their participation pleasant and that everyone's level of contribution be reflective of that goal.

New Business:

7. **501c4 status:** Carol noted that 501c4 corporations like the Civic Association are able to take political stands without violating IRS rules, e.g. the Osterville Village Association has taken a vote of constituents and will oppose the efforts of Vineyard Wind to bring their third electric conduit ashore at Dowses Beach. The Cotuit Civic Association has not done this sort thing by choice, and she has no intention of changing the tradition of seeking to give solid information about events in the Town to Cotuit residents. However, she wished members of the Board to know that "taking stands" are within the purview of the Association.
8. **Water Dept. and Cotuit Email Addresses:** Tom Burgess reported that the Water Commissioners had asked if their desire to collect email addresses from the users could be included in a Constant Contact publication.

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas K. Burgess, Secretary