



Cotuit-Santuit Civic Association

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, April 2, 2024, 7:01 PM

Location: Cotuit Library / Virtual

Attendance

Present: Carol Zais, Lisa Vasiloff, Phil Odenca, Bob Dee, Dave Fravel, John Havel, Mark Stranberg, Karen Harvey Teeley, DJ Long, Lisa Nagel, Natalie Spence

Absent: None

Guest: Councilor Seth Burdick

Regular Business

Call to Order: Carol Zais called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Secretary's Minutes: Absent any objections, the minutes of the Executive Board meeting of March 5, 2024, were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Absent any objections, the Treasurer's Report through today was accepted. The Board observed that even loss the fishing tournament donation, we still broke even in 2023. However the 2024 parade expenses will be back to pre-Covid budgets as we have added back in a band.

Precinct 7 Report:

Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)- Cotuit Memorial Park is currently listed in the ToB CIP for fiscal year 2025, but that could change during the CIP process. The Town survey of the park revealed "intrusion" issues on Town property, but is inconsistent with Down Cape surveyors, done for the library project years ago. We've provided the Down Cape survey results to Mark Marinaccio in January 2024, he has yet to respond. Seth will call Mark on Wednesday, April 3rd and will report back. Carol will continue to try as well.

Seth reviewed the CIP list and picked out other Cotuit-related projects: dredging. Also, he read from an email from Dan Santos, ToB Director DPW on pending Cotuit projects, elevated crosswalk.

Nina Coleman (ToB Natural Resources Department) is reviewing beach/water access for leashed dogs. The idea is to open up Town Dock, Cordwood Road and Oregon Beach for leashed dogs even in the summer. Ropes Beach is a possibility as well. Initial opinion from the Board was that it would be well-received. However, Natalie raised a concern that if this is the only village with beach access for dogs, it will draw in too many from outside of Cotuit. Seth said he would relay the concern and find out if there were other villages with pending beach access options.

President's Updates:

With Kris Sexton's resignation, we need to find a replacement.

CFD Coverage established for April – June; Water - Bob, Fire - Dave, Prudential - John.

Fire Commissioners- There is a study underway to see if an expansion at High Street is feasible, with a company called Catalyst. We will want to stay on top of this subject at their monthly meetings.

Water Commissioners- CSCA is hosting a Community meeting on April 16th. The commissioners will be presenting their new proposal for affordable access to drinking water and a source water protection plan, including a possible change to the CFD enabling legislation. The aim is to help fund septic system upgrades in the high risk zones.

2024 Candidates- Up for reelection are Prudential – Mark Lynch, Fire – Rick Pisano, Water- Mark Robinson. No papers have been completed.

Governance document- Draft send to Jen for initial edit.

Board members who terms are up in 2024 are Lisa Vasiloff, Lisa Nagel, DJ Long, Natalie Spence Carol confirmed that there will be no fishing tournament this year.

Old Business

Website/Digital Records:

Pretty good stats on visits to new website. Dave will send link around for Fathom Analytics for those who are interested.

55-60 people clicked through to the LCP meeting link off the most recent Constant Contact.

Membership Drive:

Mark reviewed the various marketing campaigns and costs totaling \$2500.

He also described that we will need board members to reach out to non-members. Mark will provide a list of non-members to the board from which to pick.

There was discussion about the spending and how it would benefit the boosting of membership.

Mark made a motion for additional \$1750 and it was seconded. The motion passed.

Ropes Beach:

Ropes Beach- Phragmites were cut and treated in September 2023. There was a change of personnel which slowed the process for the removal of the vegetation. Carol heard from PJ Kelliher, ToB Supervisor, Structures and Grounds that he is still in the phase of "putting paperwork together" to submit to Conservation for the beach grass vegetation removal. Carol will continue to follow up as this is where he was in February.

Old Shore Road - PJ Kelliher, ToB Supervisor Structures and Grounds had the road surveyed in January. There are trees on ToB property that will need to be moved/removed. PJ has initiated conversation with property owner Steve Gould about the concerns.

Memorial Park: referred to Town Councilor report

New Business

Clean-up Day:

Date is Saturday, May 11. Lisa will be sending out information.

A ToB environmental officer informed us that we can't remove shells from Riley's Beach.

Concerns of Cotuit:

Meeting date is Friday, May 17, 8:30am at Freedom Hall. Board members should review last year's list and minutes and be ready to discuss and finalize a 2024 list, at May 7th CSCA Board meeting.

Christmas in Cotuit (CIC):

Jason Siscoe requested to provide chowder at CIC. Cotuit Garage wants to have some involvement so has offered to sponsor pizza, as a possibility.

Other Business:

Kettleer's parking- Carol received an email from a villager regarding the issues with the no parking signage for the games last summer. Carol will work with a team from ToB, BLT, Ketteleers and neighbors to help develop a solution, if possible.

Speed Limits on Village Roads- A new law may allow the Town to reduce speed limits in the Village. George Foy was sent the new information to review. This may be added to the Concerns of Cotuit.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
L. Philip Odenice, Secretary

Upcoming Dates:

Board Meetings- 5/7/24, 6/4/24, 7/2/24, 8/6/24, 9/3/24,10/1/24,11/5/24,12/3/24

Currents Deadlines- 3/6/24, 4/3/24, 5/8/24, 6/5/24,7/3/24,8/7/24, 9/4/24,10/2/84,11/5/24

Community Meetings- (3rd Tuesday): April 16, 2024 - Water Commissioners, May 21, 2024
-Budget and Candidate Night

Christmas in Cotuit- December 7, 2024

Tuesday, April 16, 2024 - Water Commissioners Community Meeting

Friday, May 17 at 8:30am - Concerns of Cotuit meeting - Freedom Hall

Tuesday, May 21, 2024 - Budget and Candidate Night Community Meeting

Thursday, July 4th Parade

Tuesday August 20th - CSCA Annual Meeting

Christmas in Cotuit Saturday December 7, 2024