



Cotuit-Santuit Civic Association

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2024, 7:00 PM

Location: Cotuit Library / Virtual

Attendance

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

Absent: John Havel

Guest: Councilor Seth Burdick

Regular Business

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

Secretary's Minutes: Absent any objections, the minutes of the Executive Board meeting of June 4, 2024, were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Absent any objections, the Treasurer's Report through today was accepted.

President's Updates:

CFD commissioner coverage – July- September: Lisa N.-Prudential, Phil- Fire, Lisa V. -Water

Board opening and nominating committee – Still have an open spot. Lisa N. will head nominating committee.

Governance – John Havel's is reviewing/formatting.

Dogs at Oregon Beach – It was implemented by the ToB without further discussion after the Concerns of Cotuit meeting. There are 2-3 other beaches in ToB where dogs are now allowed year round on lease except when in the water. We received one complaint from a citizen. Carol directed her to Seth.

Cross walk – Carol met with the parking group, that is focused on baseball parking. They have proposed a cross walk on Main Street near Lowell Park, trimming hedges along Main, and a sidewalk extension to reach ballpark. All our in proposal status.

Insurance – Carol, Lisa N and Natalie are reviewing joint directors/general liability policy with parade insurance to reduce costs.

Annual appeal – Letter went out with the July Currents, both in envelope.

Flags – A citizen hung 6 American flags at the Cotuit school to cover the graffiti. The school looked great for the 4th of July.

Kip Diggs Community meeting on June 24th was well-attended, about 15 people. He is moving forward with article to request expanding the CFD enabling legislation.

Precinct 7 Report:

Seth provided a document from DPW updating us on status on projects. The raised walk at Old Shore and Main was moved out into fiscal 2025, otherwise little change.

He has personally fielded various citizens' complaints. He has also spoken with the parking office, much of this discussion has been about baseball parking. Carol will engage with Seth regarding the DPW parking group she has been working with since April.

Seth will push DPW to help with clearing vegetation from Ropes Beach. He is also coordinating Town and Fire District efforts to mow respective school fields. Carol mentioned she has not received any unsolicited feedback from P.J. Kelliher at DPW but will email him for an update. Thru a citizen effort another citizen volunteered his time and equipment to mow the grass around the Cotuit School, on July 3rd.

Old Business

July 4th Parade:

Carol recognized Mark for his efforts in organizing the flyover and color guard and Lisa for overall coordination.

Lisa reported that overall, traffic management and reactions were significantly improved; the road closure information was well-communicated in advance, including the ToB release. Ribbons were very popular; many people were asking. 1000 ribbons seems about right. Some miscommunication within the police department caused some roads to be closed at 9:30; additionally Lowell Road was closed erroneously. Lastly, some police believed roads were to be kept closed until noon regardless. The band was way overpriced.

Suggestions/ideas for Parade 2025: Printed maps to be handed out. Place signage on Rt 28 to head off traffic about road closure between 10:30-11:30. Get a letter from Sgt. Troy Peters with agreed parking instructions and distribute copies to volunteers. Run a contest to stimulate more decorated bikes. Move the CSCA banner more towards the front of the parade. Provide recorded music on floats. Pick up on the Burgess tradition of giving out watermelon.

Kip Diggs wanted to campaign in the parade, but Mark handled deftly. Carol will follow up on minor issues with the Kettleers, with Lisa.

Website/Digital Records:

Business as usual on the website. Pulling in new email addresses via website and membership drive. There are 745 active emails. Traffic has been good and spiked around July 4 activity with 1,000 visit on that page alone.

Membership Drive:

Phil reported YTD we have achieved record membership - 364; donors - 16; and income - \$17,000. We are short of the stretch goal of 500 members. We still have work to do and specifically need board members to continue to pursue their outreach.

New Business

August CSCA Annual Meeting topic:

Carol opened up the discussion of possible presentations:

- Cotuit Memorial Park presentation from the Town - too early in process
- Fire Station Status - wait for next round of updates on project
- Cotuit School – DJ and Bob raised concerns about appearance of CSCA taking a position. Carol will be sure to separate the CSCA annual meeting from the citizens doing the Cotuit School presentation.

Other:

The Prudential Committee formed a Cotuit School Ad Hoc Committee to complete the tasks as outlined in the May 4th Special District meeting passage of Article 2. Carol and John are members of the committee as well as past board member Jamie Jackson.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
L. Philip Odenice, Secretary

Upcoming Dates:

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

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

Tuesday August 20th - CSCA Annual Meeting