



Cotuit-Santuit Civic Association

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, August 6, 2024

Location: Cotuit Library /Virtual

Attendance

Present: Carol Zais, Phil Odence, Bob Dee, Karen Harvey Teeley, Lisa Nagel, John Havel. Virtual Lisa Vasiloff.

Absent: Dave Fravel, DJ Long, Natalie Spence, Mark Stranberg

Guest: No guests. Councilor Seth Burdick not in attendance.

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 July 9 2024, were approved.

Treasurer's Report: As Natalie was not in attendance so review of report is postponed to September.

President's Updates:

Board opening- Carol has spoken two potential candidates, both of whom have school aged kids and may have some interest. She requests the Board be on the lookout for other "new candidates."

Insurance- We switched providers for directors and office and GL insurance thus saving approximately \$700 annually. There is also the potential to reduce the cost of parade insurance from with this new agent.

Firecracker Race- Carol thanks Lisa Nagel, Dave Fravel and Susan, and the Burgesses for supporting a very successful race. We have not been sent a donation from the event but Carol was told by Jim Whitman that it was the best attended event to date.

Annual Meeting- We require a quorum of twenty for the Annual meeting. Phil and Karen will check people in and the meeting will start once we reached 20.

Ropes Beach- DPW is presenting to the Conservation Commission on Tuesday, August 20th at 6:30pm the paperwork for vegetation clean-up. The meeting is at the same time as Civic annual meeting so no one is able to attend.

Precinct 7 Report:

No Report this month.

Old Business

Website/Digital Records: No update this month.

Membership Drive:

Phil reviewed membership stats at a high level which were detailed in his email. We will continue to discuss when we have the full board together. There was enthusiasm for another email to appeal to 2023 past members in advance of the Annual Meeting. Individual board outreach should continue their outreach. The membership team would appreciate feedback on obstacles to signing up new members.

"I don't want to volunteer," was on objection cited. Karen suggested working "supporter" into the messaging.

CSCA History:

Karen reported that she and Phil completed initial phase of historical research to get the current history on website. This was informed by a number of interviews with past board members. The aim is to continue to build up an historical record, but the work has been on hold for the summer.

Governance Webpage:

John reported on the copy for a new page regarding Governance based on language that Carol and Lisa Nagel put together. Phil reviewed form and substance and John has incorporated his inputs. Carol will provide her edits and once those are incorporated the new page will be sent to the rest of the board feedback. After that the page will be ready to post.

New Business

August Annual Meeting Nominations:

Lisa Nagel presented the 2024 Slate for the annual meeting:

Up for Reelection: Lisa Vasiloff, Natalie Spence

First Time Nominees (both currently having filled temporary positions): Lisa Nagel, DJ Long

Carol mentioned we will need to vote on officers in September. If needed Lisa and Carol will extend their roles for a vote in October. Carol noted that Lisa Vasiloff is stepping down from VP but will continue as Special Events Chair. Natalie is willing to stay on as Treasurer and Phil as Secretary. Carol would like to "walk her talk" with rotation of President and VP positions.

Next step for the presidency is as yet, undecided, but Carol and Lisa have discussed possible scenarios for the next officers:

Carol stays President for Fall 2024 with new VP who would become President in Fall 2025

New President and VP

Monthly rotation of the board for President responsibilities.

Other:

Please note there is a presentation on "Waste No Water" I/A septic systems and more on Friday afternoon. They reached out to the Civic Association requesting we attend. In the email we sent out announcing this meeting there is a list of other sites for future presentations, if Friday doesn't work.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
L. Philip Odenice, Secretary

Upcoming Dates:

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

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

Saturday December 7, 2024