



Cotuit-Santuit Civic Association

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2024

Location: Cotuit Library and Virtual

Attendance

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

Absent: none

Guest: Councilor Seth Burdick

Regular Business

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

New Board Member: Christy Curtis was unanimously voted onto the board (to fill Kris Sexton's vacated spot thru '25) and then she joined the meeting.

Secretary's Minutes: After minor typo corrections and Absent any objections, the minutes of the Executive Board meeting of Aug 6, 2024, were accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Natalie reviewed the YTD report. She mentioned that insurance was high because we are waiting on a credit from previous insurer since changing vendors. Absent any objections, the Treasurer's Report through today was accepted.

President's Updates:

Annual Meeting- The meeting went well. Thanks to Phil and Karen for ensuring a quorum. A recording of the meeting is on our website. The handout of the PowerPoint presentation by the Cotuit Community Center, Inc can be found on their website.

Ropes Beach- A zoom hearing with the Conservation Commission was held on August 20th at the time of the annual meeting. Lisa V participated for CSCA. Vegetation removal was approved unanimously and in perpetuity was added by that board.

Governance - The page is up on our website. Carol thanked Lisa N., John, Dave, Phil and Jen Smith for helping to land this project. Also, she expressed what a great active board we have and truly appreciates everyone taking on various responsibilities. It really makes a difference when everyone is actively involved.

LCP- It's been a while since there has been a community update. The organizers are willing to present to the board or the community. It was decided that we will invite them to our next meeting and will report out to the community in a subsequent *Cotuit Currents*.

Cotuit School- The ad hoc committee has provided their report to the Prudential Committee. Phil raised the suggestion with Mark Lynch, of having the consultants cost out parking options. Carol and John felt this was already in the recommendations but all were happy to have had it highlighted to Mark Lynch.

Precinct 7 Report:

The Town slows in the summer and the Town Council only met twice, once without a quorum. Seth had been unable to attend that meeting.

Not a lot has changed since last update with the multiple ongoing Cotuit projects and DPW.

BLT seems near to closing deal with Cotuit Highground golf course. Some details to be worked out, in particular timeframe for lease to continue to operate as a golf course.

BLT also looking at Montereio property, ten acres behind Mosswood.

Seth reported on the state of wind farm cabling connection via Barnstable beach easements. It's complicated and ongoing. He encouraged all in Cotuit to express their voices to him as he mostly hears from the Save our Beach group from Osterville.

Old Business

Website/Digital Records:

August was quiet month for the website. The new governance page has attracted some traffic. We are getting decent engagement (open rate) for Constant Contact emails. We have 752 emails.

Membership Drive:

Phil reviewed membership stats at a high level which were detailed in his email. We are currently at 386 members (behind goal, but up from 280 and a record high exceeding 2020 at 358). Carol stated that this was a great outcome from the membership drive and although we didn't hit some goals in various categories it was still a success. She reminded board members to continue to connect with their contact list to try in bring in our targeted individuals.

CSCA History:

This project is still on the back burner until Fall.

Officers:

We still need a President and Vice President. We could start someone up as a President straight away, or a Vice President to take on the Presidency in a year. The only alternative is to rotate the role. Carol will speak to everyone on the Board in advance of next meeting when we will need to vote on the officers (this is late. It should have been in September).

New Business

Carol suggested we meet on Tuesday in the 2nd week for July and September if the holidays fall in the first week.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

L. Philip Odenice, Secretary/Clerk

Upcoming Dates:

Board Meetings- 11/5/24,12/3/24

Currents Deadlines-10/2/84,11/5/24

Saturday December 7, 2024- Christmas in Cotuit