



# Cotuit-Santuit Civic Association

## Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, November 5, 2024

Location: Cotuit Library / Virtual

### *Attendance*

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

Absent: DJ Long

Guest: Councilor Seth Burdick

### *Regular Business*

Call to Order: Chair Dave Fravel called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

Secretary's Minutes: Absent any objections, the minutes of the Executive Board meeting of October 1, 2024, were accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Absent any objections, the Treasurer's Report was accepted. There was discussion about our maturing CD (2.2% interest) and whether to rollover. Natalie will research other options.

President's Updates:

There will be a Celebration of Life on for Theresa Egan on Nov 16. We will share the news through Constant Contact

The Town is putting on a Digital Equity event and a meeting regarding roadway safety which we will also publicize.

Mark announced he will be stepping down from the board. Carol pointed out that during his time on the board, Mark was instrumental in our event program, connecting us with Cape Cod Tech and the membership drive.

Precinct 7 Report:

Seth provided updates on Cotuit-related DPW projects: there has been some progress on Memorial Park and Ropes vegetation. The Town has been looking at acquiring property adjacent to the cemetery and is working with the Barnstable Land Trust to move forward. The HSSC was able to get some community preservation funds to contribute to the renovation. The church was deemed to be ineligible for community preservation funds. The Town is moving towards taking over the many private roads in Barnstable over the next couple of decades. The Town Council has come out against landing wind farm cables at Dowses Beach. A Town code review is upcoming, and Seth is on the committee. The Conservation Law Foundation continues to sue the Town over water quality.

### *Old Business*

Website/Digital Records: There has not been much change with website. Christmas should drive some traffic. Constant Contact numbers are constant.

Membership Drive: Phil reported we are currently at 395 members and new memberships have slowed to a trickle. They have begun to put plans in place for next year, similar to 2024 but

starting the new member push in January. The tentative goal is to reach 450, and we will again rely on the board to help.

CSCA History: We've updated the history page on the website to acknowledge that the organization goes back to at least 1950. Karen is chipping away at old minutes; it's slow going due to the quality of the information.

### *New Business*

Christmas in Cotuit: Lisa reports that we are in good shape. It will be similar to last year's plus some additions. We may need more volunteers. If weather doesn't cooperate, the event will move into the church. Lisa made a motion to make a \$750 donation for the diaper drive; it was seconded and passed. We will maintain the [christmasincotuit.org](http://christmasincotuit.org) URL. A majority of the board voted to include an invocation from Pastor Angie.

Cape Cod Bridges: Lisa raised the question about publicizing the MassDOT meeting on the future of the bridges and the board decided to include it in an email other upcoming events.

### *Adjournment*

The meeting adjourned at 7:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
L. Philip Odence, Secretary/Clerk

### *Up Coming Dates:*

Board Meetings- 4/1/25, 5/6/25, 6/3/25, 7/1/25, 8/5/25, 9/2/25, 10/7/25, 11/4/25, 12/2/25

Currents Deadlines- 3/5/25, 4/2/25, 5/7/25, 6/4/25, 7/2/25, 8/6/25, 9/3/25, 10/8/25, 11/5/25, 12/3/25

Saturday December 7, 2024- Christmas in Cotuit