



Cotuit-Santuit Civic Association

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, May 6, 2025

Location: Cotuit Library / Virtual

Attendance

Present: Carol Zais, Lisa Vasiloff, Bob Dee, Lisa Nagel, Dave Fravel, Natalie Spence, Christy Curtis, Karen Harvey Teeley, John Havel, Phil Odence, DJ Long (joined a little late)

Absent: Lisa Vasiloff

Guests: Chris Gargiulo and Jason Siscoe. Councilor Seth Burdick was not in attendance.

Special Topic

Oysterfest: Chris and Jason made a generous contribution to the CSCA from the proceeds of the event. This year's event is September 27.

Regular Business

Call to Order: Chair John Hav called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Secretary's Minutes: Absent any objections, the minutes of the Executive Board meeting of April 1, 2024, were accepted with a minor amendment.

The Concerns of Cotuit minutes were also accepted absent objections.

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

President's Updates:

Topics for future meetings: FD elections and digital *Cotuit Currents*, George

Looking for volunteers for signing in voters at elections.

The annual appeal will go out as it did last year at the end of June.

Memorial Park design passed the first hurdle. Request will go to the CPC for funds with the remainder coming from the Town. Carol posed the question of the CSCA making a donation and, further, helping to organize a "adopt a tree" sort of contribution. She also floated the idea of contributing to video conferencing system for Freedom Hall. These are to be decided in the future. Natalie provided some analysis of our financial ability to contribute. There was some discussion about how to support both projects.

Jennifer was very keen on the idea of digital *Cotuit Currents*.

The Water Department will present at the August meeting.

Chief Brown asked our perspective on whether the Fire Department has been communicating sufficiently about the fire house project. The sentiment seemed to be yes, they've done a good job. However, there's an understanding that there is some sticker shock. Dave questioned the impact on taxes of these station combined with the school project. Carol will ensure that it is presented at Candidates and Budget night.

Precinct 7 Report:

No report this month

Old Business

Concerns of Cotuit

As follow up to the Concerns of Cotuit, there was a discussion about road signs. Carol will take the Town up on the offer to have a meeting to review signs with DPW and the police. Aiming for the Fall for a meeting. In Village speed limit may be on the agenda as well.

Website/Communications: Dave is resolving some issues with Constant Contact form in Wordpress. He's been posting new content on clean-up day and the IKON school report.

Membership: Phil reported we are up to 203 members for the year. This is ahead of last year. Mostly, though, that is due to timing and repeat "customers." We would like to continue to expand our base and the committee is asking for to board's help to perform some low-key outreach in June.

New Business

Various items:

Candidates and Budget Night; May 20 is the date. Carol will be the MC. It will be a hybrid in person/video. Sandwich boards are out for the clean up. Lisa is looking for marching band recommendations.

Format and Posting of FD Committee Meetings:

Phil proposed a format for committee meetings. Carol requested that the discussion of whether to post public.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Philip Odence, Secretary

Upcoming Dates:

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