



Cotuit-Santuit Civic Association

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, September 2, 2025

Location: Cotuit Library / Virtual

Attendance

Present: Carol Zais, Lisa Vasiloff, Bob Dee, Lisa Nagel, Natalie Spence, Karen Harvey Teeley, John Havel, Phil Odence, DJ Long, Christy Curtis, Carol Stento

Absent: none

Guests: Councilor Seth Burdick

Regular Business

Call to Order: Chair Christy Curtis called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM and welcomed new board member Carol Stento.

Secretary's Minutes: Absent any objections, the minutes of the Executive Board meeting of August 5, 2025, were accepted.

Treasurer's Report: After some discussion of the details, absent any objections, the Treasurer's Report was accepted.

Precinct 7 Report:

Seth is pursuing the DPW to get Ropes Beach vegetation dealt with as well as the phragmites. Carol clarified the DPW's commitment made at the Concerns of Cotuit meeting in April.

Seth shared a proposal for the raised crosswalk at Old Shore Road and mentioned that there are some concerns from the neighbor. There was discussion about that site and DPW gave Seth another option across from the Library instead. Now the options are to go ahead at Old Shore Rd, change it to a flat crosswalk or relocate to new suggestion. Bob will write something for the October Currents to inform village about the alternative location for the raised crosswalk near the library. Seth was asked to get speed information for Main Street.

The Town Council will vote next week (9/11/25) on incremental funding for the Cotuit Memorial Park renovation. Carol reviewed the history of the project which was initiated in 2017. The Town architects have been holding off on a community meeting until the funding is finalized. Seth asked for board support to build community awareness of the project and he will ensure that the Town supports a community meeting. Lisa N. will write up some background for a Currents article. Carol will get available dates from Mark Marinaccio and Freedom Hall reserved and submit to October Currents.

Seth gave a quick status of some other ongoing Town issues on the DCPC for Hyannis Growth Incentive. He encouraged the board to help bring more Cotuit voices to the Town government.

President's Updates:

Carol expressed thanks to Phil, Karen, Bob and Lisa N. for their help with the CSCA annual meeting in her absence.

Mark Ells is coming to speak at a Friends of Cotuit Library lunch which is charging a fee to attend.

Pastor Angie raised some questions and concerns about the future of the playground within the Memorial Park plans. Carol spoke with her to clarify that the playground is not going away. The ToB just needs to get the paperwork corrected for it to be situated on that site. Same for the Library parking expansion.

We will be posting the video of the water quality meeting on our website after editing out the front end.

Old Business

Digital Currents: The Communication Committee met again and reviewed the community survey results. The committee recommends transitioning to digital Currents and a printed piece to go with the June annual appeal. Carol made the motion to make this transition. The motion passed.

Website/Communications: John reported there were no major updates regarding the website. John will be taking over IT. Phil will take over Constant Contact emails.

Membership: Phil encouraged all to read the email he sent out on 9/2/25 reporting on membership status.

History: David Churbuck posted an interesting blog that included some history of the Civic Association.

Future of CSCA: There will be workshop meeting in January to reflect on this and discuss.

New Business

Nominating Committee:

Patty Daley has expressed interest in joining board. member The board discussed and voted to appoint her to fill the empty spot from Dave Fravel leaving.

We need a slate of officers for 2025-2026 for the October meeting. It was agreed that Phil will stay on as Secretary and Natalie will stay on at Treasurer. After discussion of the need for new President and Vice President it was decided to continue the rotation of chairing meetings until our January workshop meeting and Carol Z. will stay on interim president.

Ezekiel Crocker House:

Tom Burgess requested the CSCA build awareness about concerns with the plans to demolish and/or move the historic property at Putnam and Old Shore Road. Board agreed to put something in the October Currents.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Philip Odence, Secretary

2025 Board Meetings: 10/7/25,11/4,25, 12/2/25

2025 Currents Deadlines: 9/3/25, 10/8/25,11/5/25,12/3/2

Christmas in Cotuit: December 6.