

MINUTES CEDARVILLE STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING (7-13-2023 AT LITTLE RED SCHOOLHOUSE)

ATTENDING MEMBERS: Gerre Hooker, Jodie Burkett, Tess Brennan, Kathryn Holmes, Joseph Assiradoo, Don Holm and Marcia Sheridan

GUESTS: George McKay, Jeannette McKay and Caren Wilds

Meeting called to order at 6:34 PM by Chairperson Gerre Hooker

Reorganization of Steering Committee. Two new members welcomed. They are Don Holm and Marcia Sheridan. Gerre announced she will be stepping down as Chairperson for personal reasons. Kathryn led the group in thanking Gerre for her devoted service to the Committee for so many years.

Nomination of new Officers began. Kathryn nominated Don Holm to be the new Chairperson. The nomination was seconded, and after a vote of 6 to 1 (abstention by Gerre) Don was declared the new Chairperson. Next, Joseph was nominated to be Vice-Chairperson. A unanimous vote of acceptance and Joseph is the new Vice Chairperson. Marcia was nominated to be Clerk, and a unanimous vote declared her to be Clerk.

George McKay requested to make a comment regarding past practices with Minutes and Quorums. George said four attending members is enough for a quorum. A discussion took place regarding when Minutes should be posted for the public to view. George felt the Minutes should be posted prior to Meetings. Kathryn had a different opinion. Don is double checking with the Town Clerk to get a definitive answer and will inform the group of his findings by the next meeting. No Minutes have been approved since July 2022. Prior Minutes were furnished to the group by Tess and will be approved.

Email addresses and cell phone numbers were collected for future use. Minutes will be emailed to Members.

Next meeting will be August 10.

Kathryn informed the group Town Meeting in the Fall will be looking at hiring a contractor to draw up a new Master Plan. It would be worthwhile for the Steering Committee to submit a revised Master Plan as well. Kathryn will obtain copies of the current Cedarville Master Plan for the group.

Jodie spoke of the legacy of the Little Red School House. Gerre had hoped the Chairperson of the Wampanoags would have been present for the meeting to speak of the role the Tribe has played in Cedarville but the Chairperson was unable to attend because of a scheduling conflict.

Kathryn spoke of 3 issues the Committee needs to address in the very near future:

1. Charl Heller needs to be contacted regarding the placement of the signs the Pine Barren Alliance has obtained for Cedarville. Jodie felt the signs should go on Herring Pond Road and State Road.
2. Matt Muratore is seeking information on what we want to see incorporated into Cedarville because of pending bridge work money which may become available.
3. Virtual Meetings at the Little Red Schoolhouse are difficult because of the internet issue. After discussion, it was decided Don would seek help from Town Hall and find out if anything can be done to help out this situation.

George informed the group that Precinct 8 has three new members and they have expressed concern over the poor voter turnout for their Precinct. Precinct 8 is also reorganizing. They are going to reach out to local Associations in the area to see if they may be helpful in getting people to vote in future elections. Jodie is reaching out to Terry from the Little Red Schoolhouse Committee to find out if a sign may be placed in front of the building to seek help.

The group would like to find ways to reach commercial enterprises in the area to help out the Community. Gerre mentioned the Cedarville/Sagamore Business Association (CSBA) was trying to get active again. The group had become sidelined during COVID. Vinny deMacedo was mentioned as a possible contact for the CSBA.

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:30 PM by Marcia, and this motion was seconded by Gerre.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Sheridan

Clerk, Cedarville Steering Committee