

## **Interview Notes**

### **Horsley Witten Veteran's Memorial Park Project**

Date: Friday, October 21, 2022

Time: 9:30 a.m. - 9:50 a.m.

Present: James Houle, Richard Claytor, Casey Chatelain, Gerard Hokanson

#### **Firehouse Lot/Mass DOT Project**

A project near Veteran's Park was developed from the 2019 EPA Impervious Cover Disconnect project to build an infiltration system in the "old Firehouse" parking lot off Beach Street. Overflow would be channelled to a subsurface first flush line through Veterans Park to Mud Cree, taking some of the pressure off of Beach Street Extension. Preliminary communications indicate that Mass DOT has developed plans to built the infiltration system under the parking lot, but then direct overflow to the Beach Road Extension outfall.

ACTION: Jamie to send HW survey data related to the above SCM

ACTION: HW to determine if the subsurface trench flow through Veteran's Park is still an option.

#### **SNEP Project**

There are opportunities to add additional SCMs as part of the SNEP project.

#### **Other Stormwater Management Opportunities**

- Stormwater flows onto Causeway Road from 2 or 3 directions. Is there an opportunity to capture this volume before it flows into Veteran's Park?
- Stormwater naturally accumulates in Veteran's Park. Is it feasible to build a subsurface retention area in the Park to take advantage of this?
- Can Mud Creek and surrounding marsh areas be utilized as part of a stormwater control resource.

**Meeting Notes**  
**Horsley Witten Veteran's Memorial Park Project**  
**Kick-off Meeting with Tisbury Open Space Committee**

Date: Monday, October 24, 2022

Time: 3:30 p.m. – 4:10 p.m.

Attending from Horsley Witten: Richard Claytor, Casey Chatelain

Attending from Open Space Committee: Cheryl Doble, Gerard Hokanson

Project Goals: Improve stormwater management while maintaining or enhancing recreational opportunities in the park.

**Task 1: Data Collection and Coordination with Identified Stakeholders**

Documentation identified for HW review - in hand:

- TDML report form Lagoon Pond
- CZM Coastal Resilience Report
- 2008 Draft report on redesign of Veteran's Memorial Park - Implementation status? Report does not include actual design - available? To check with Kirk.
- EPA Impervious Cover Disconnect report
- 2018 Environmental Partners 2018 Tisbury Drainage Master Plan + maps

Additional documentation requested:

- HW requested digital data from 2018 study from Bob Rafferty (EP)
- Currents and Future Uses of Park - subject of scheduled October 28 meeting with Kirk Metell. Also schedule meeting with Jay Grande. Cheryl mentioned softball diamond, soccer field(s), playground, volleyball, basketball; non-athletic uses - Beach Road Festival Concert, car show.
- HW to contact Liz Durkee (MVC) to discuss available mapping that might be useful

Interviews:

- Interview James Houle on Oct 21
- Rescheduled interview with Kirk Metell for Oct 28
- To be scheduled - Jay Grande

**Task 2: Site Reconnaissance and Drainage System Assessment - Park, Abutting areas, potential contributing drainage areas**

- Field Day scheduled for Thursday, Nov 3; HW plan to walk on to early boat (8:15? Rich to update CD/GH on plans; will meet at park)
- HW will bring "man-hole popper", hand auger
- HW needs any information on buried utilities (Discuss with Kirk)

- Plan is to look at Park, walk up watershed to look for stormwater capture opportunities, and check flow paths.
- Assess park elevation

Future Activities:

- Follow up on any items surfaced in documentation review or site visit
- Task 3: Concept Plans for Recreational Enhancements, Stormwater Controls, Vegetation Enhancements
- Task 4: Veteran's Memorial Park Master Plan

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### **Horsley Witten Veteran's Memorial Park Project**

Date: Friday, October 28, 2022

Time: 11:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Present: Kirk Metell, Richard Claytor, Casey Chatelain, Gerard Hokanson

#### **Recreational Uses of Veteran's Park**

- Youth Soccer – Uses park 3 seasons per year (all except winter). Likes field close to ferry.
  - Town Administrator would like a second field, using the softball outfield.
  - In Fall 2022, youth soccer is not using the Park due to the poor condition of the field after August concert - See Below
- Women's and Men's Softball, evenings May - August)
- Basketball, volleyball, and playground facilities are available, though use is not what it could be - in the "swampy" part of the Park (west side toward Causeway Rd.).

#### **Non-Recreational Uses**

- Beach Road Festival Concert - August
  - This year fields were unavailable for other uses for 11 days, including set-up and take-down
  - In 2022, concert layout expanded and took up most of the Park
  - In part due to heavy rain during the first day of this year's concert, restoration by the contractor arranged by the concert organizer left the field in rough condition – bare spots and rough surface.
  - Town still has 2 years remaining on contract with concert organizer
  - Town Leadership is assessing continuation of the concert or changes needed (Nov 3 public meeting)
- Car Show - in 2nd year at Park

#### **Utilities**

- Utilities may be shown on a 2008 plan developed by Environmental Partners. HW has seen a report but not the actual plan.
- Concert organizer would like to upgrade electrical to reduce generators use. Equipment would be installed near "red barn" on Town side of Park

#### **Environmental Partners**

- HW has been in contact with Bob Rafferty at Environmental Partners. Waiting for digital data from 2018 Stormwater Study.
- Kirk will reach out to EP to move this along.
- Kirk will check whether Bob can be on island for Thursday, Nov 3, Field Day

**Thursday, Nov 3, HW Field Day**

- Kirk will not be available due to paving activities near West Chop
- HW may pull manhole covers, but will stick to side streets and not interfere with traffic on main roads (Beach Street, State Street, Beach Road)