

Open Space and Recreation Committee

Town of Tisbury
Department of Public Works
115 High Point Lane, Tisbury, MA

Meeting Minutes

Date: April 6, 2021

Meeting called to order: 8:32am

Place: This was a virtual meeting, in accordance with orders issued by the Governor during the current state of emergency. There is no in person attendance by the public, but persons may access this zoom meeting.

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Attendance: Committee – C. Doble, G Hokanson, C. Wallis, Henry Stephenson

Approved meeting minutes: March 2, 2021 and March 16, 2021 3-0

Discussion

1. Up Dates

a. Marine Terminal

- C. Doble informed the committee that she and H. Stephenson met with R. Andre and his engineers following our last meeting. H. Stephenson explained that he had provided annotations to his drawing making it easier to read and that R. Andre and his design team better understood and liked his proposal. One of the design issues that needs to be resolved is the difference in grade between the parking deck at 6' elevation and Beach Road at 4' elevation. H. Stephenson also explained that they preferred the cross walk on his plan because they did not have to have to cut through the sea wall. C. Wallis asked why we are approving a plan that we don't accept. C. Doble explained that our letter acknowledges that we are working with Vineyard Power on the design of this public space, that we are making progress and that we will continue to work with them on this. H. Stephenson and C. Wallis discussed the likelihood of sand build up on the beach. It is understood that it will require dredge spoils, time will tell how much of a natural build up occurs. M. Doelp at Applied Coastal did not think that there would be a lot of sand build up.

G. Hokanson asked what we wanted to accomplish and why we would write a letter to the MVC. C. Doble said that it would let the Commissioners know that we were working productively with Vineyard Power on behalf of the town to advance our open space and recreation goals. C. Wallis thought that we should indicate that we see this as a public space/park. H. Stephenson

suggested that we speak about the connection to the Lagoon park territory on the south side of Beach Rd. C. Doble said that she would edit the letter. The committee voted 3-0 to send the revised letter.

b. Web research

- C. Doble shared a diagram to illustrate the possible organization of the Committee's webpage. She said that the webpage was not very intuitive and that she was going to ask H. R ydzewski (the Town's IT specialist) for guidance. G. Hokanson noted that this proposal presents the Committee's work but does not provide information on the Park and recreation resources. C. Wallis felt that we to have a place where the where we list and describe our parks and the activities that occur at each. C. Doble suggested that park information might go in the very first box on the left side of the page. C. Wallis thought that locating this information within the committee directory would make it hard to find.
- G. Hokanson thought that most people would be more interested in finding out about the park resources than the committee activities. He recommended two web pages with links between them. He also suggested that the headings in the Committee webpage be organized around the goals set forth in the plan.

c. Church street Tennis Courts

- C. Wallis reported that a community member had asked her about the possibility of opening the Church Street courts for the summer without making any improvements just to make them available for people who might want to use them. K. Metell thought that this would be a liability risk. He said that he would post a sign at the Church street courts encouraging people to go there.

d. Owen Park

- C. Doble reported that M. Maciel and S. Kennedy recently reviewed the bid for the upper terrace work from the town's prequalified Landscape contractor and decided that the project will have to go out to bid. She was not sure how much this process would delay or impact work on this project.
- C. Doble reported that B. Kelley requested prevailing wadges to complete his cost projection for the Band Stand. C. Doble sent these out to him and expects to hear from him in a couple of weeks. G. Hokanson noted that things seem to go very slowly in the town.

2. Bench recommendations

- C. Doble screen shared a document that illustrated existing benches in town, identified the committee's criteria for selecting new benches and provided details of benches meeting these criteria that could be purchased. H. Stephenson noted that he likes variety, and that he liked many of the locally constructed benches. C. Wallis said that she had tried to contact the high school about designing and building benches but had not heard back from them.
- G. Hokanson felt that all new benches should have arm rests and suggested deleting the last sentence on #1 of our recommended criteria. C. Wallis wondered how this would affect the reuse of the Concrete benches. The committee discussed the new benches included in the document and recommended removing some. They also suggested providing greater detail on

where the various benches might be most appropriately used. G. Hokanson suggested that we include an introductory message to the select board explaining how these recommendations can be used as we purchase new benches. C. Doble said that she would edit the document to provide greater detail on the particular benches and contextual relationships.

- C. Wallis suggested that as we work on new design proposals that we can also include bench recommendations. She noted that when benches are grouped together that they should all be similar. C. Doble reported that she had heard from local community members who would like to contribute a bench in memory of friends and family. G. Hokanson said that he did not feel further discussion on the benches was needed. C. Doble said that she would make the recommended changes and share the document with K. Metell.

3. Follow up on story mapping

- G. Hokanson reported that he sent the latest version of the story mapping narrative and photos to C. Seidel. He noted that this will be good enough to go to the next step. C. Seidel is very busy but will give us a story map view at our next meeting. This will give us something that we will be able to edit. C. Wallis said that she will ask B. Van Riper for more historic photos.

4. 2021-2022 park activity worksheet

- C. Doble reported that she had forward the 2021-2022 Park Activity Worksheet to K. Metell for his review. She noted that columns 1 and 2 include tasks that fall under K. Metell's responsibility. She asked the committee to focus on the activities listed in the third column as these activities will be our responsibility. She felt that we should prioritize the actions as a first step. C. Doble felt that we could not just prioritize by parks but that we will need to look at individual actions in each of the parks. G. Hokanson suggested that we read through these actions and prepare to discuss them at our next meeting. C. Wallis suggested that we each think about what each of us would be interested in working on over the next year.
- C. Doble also asked the Committee to also review the year one actions listed in the Plan's Seven-Year Action Plan. We have worked on many of them but there are some that we have not addressed well and others that we have not addressed at all. She felt that it would be good to understand the reasons for this. Are some of the actions less important than others or are some just more difficult.

5. Agenda for April 6, 2021 meeting

- Story mapping with C. Seidel
- Review/discussion of our first-year actions
- Discuss/prioritize the 2021-2022 Park Activity Worksheet

G. Hokanson moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:56. H. Stephenson seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

Submitted by C. Doble