

# Open Space and Recreation Committee

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

## Meeting Minutes

**Date:** March 16, 2021

**Meeting called to order:** 8:34

**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.

**Join Zoom Meeting**     <https://zoom.us/j/91933644854>

Meeting ID: 919 3364 4854     Passcode: 432488

**Attendance:**     Committee – C. Doble, G Hokanson, C. Wallis  
Richard Andre, Mack Bryan, Carlos Pena

### Discussion

#### 1. Marine Terminal update

- R. Andre introduced C. Pena the project engineer to present the changes they made following their February 16<sup>th</sup> meeting with our committee. C. Pena understood our interest in extending the boardwalk from the facility entrance to the overlook. He explained that the 10 ft wide walkway would be attached to the sea wall. Providing a view of the beach and water below the from the walkway. G. Hokanson asked about the location of the educational display and C. Pena said that he thought that it could go in the corner of the overlook closest to the building and parking lot but that this was open to discussion. R. Andre wondered if the committee would be involved in the design and location of the educational display. C. Wallis mentioned other efforts to provide interpretive exhibits including Exhibition that provide interpretive models.
- C. Wallis noted that the beach looked very small and wondered if it would be possible to enlarge the beach area. C. Pena noted that there was an eel grass bed just of the first groin and that was necessary to protect. C. Wallis explained that the committee sought to expand beach access in town, and she wondered if the groin could be removed to enlarge the beach area. C. Pena explained that it would be very difficult from a regulatory perspective to remove the groin. Permitting would be a long process and it would be expensive. Both C. Pena and R. Andre explained that they anticipate the beach growing over time. R. Andre said that he hopes to be able to use dredge spoils to enlarge the beach and that they expect the beach to grow over time. R. Andre mentioned that J. Ramsey of Applied Coastal Engineering, who was heading up the town's CZM funded Coastal Resiliency Study of the Harbor also studied sediment transfer in this area. C. Doble asked if it would be possible to scale back the overlook a bit to give more space to the beach below. She felt that the overlook dominated the space. She also mentioned

that H. Stephenson was not able to be at the meeting and asked if R. Andre would be willing to meet with him before the next committee meeting. R. Andre agreed.

- R. Andre noted that the board walk was in the Town ROW and he wondered who would be responsible for maintaining the board walk and deck. C. Doble thought that it would be best if the Marine Terminal maintained the area as a contribution to the town. Before ending the discussion, C. Doble and R. Andre reviewed the following things that we had agreed on. Richard Andre and his team will --
  - try to reduce the size of the overlook to create a better balance between the overlook and the beach.
  - be responsible for maintenance.
  - work to make the beach as large as possible through dredge spoils
  - provide an interpretive educational display
- R. Andre informed the committee that their public hearing at the MV Commission was scheduled for April 9<sup>th</sup>. C. Doble said that the committee would discuss a letter to the MV Commission at the next committee meeting on April 6<sup>th</sup>.
- G. Hokanson suggested that after his meeting with R. Andre, H. Stephenson draft a letter to the MV Commission for the Committee to review and edit at our next meeting.

## 2. Interview with James Burrows

- C. Doble reported that James had a family emergency that prevented him from joining our meeting. She asked if the committee would like to meet with him at the next meeting or if they would like to schedule an earlier meeting. The members preferred scheduling an earlier meeting for the interview. C. Doble said that she would schedule a meeting.

## 3. Trails

- G. Hokanson reported that he met with J. Lengyel, A. Moore and B. Veno to discuss pedestrian and bike access over private roads. J. Lengyel explained that the Land Bank buys property and access to the property. Because the Town owns the land at the Shellfish Hatchery, town residents should have the right to access this property on Weaver Lane. However, A. Moore brought up the potential for abuse. The town should have right to the Hatchery but it does not necessarily have the right to then travel over a small section of private road to reach Winyah Road. G. Hokanson noted that in this case, the route could continue over the Ramble trail to reach Winyah. J. Lengyel suggested that town residents might have access over ancient roads as well. However, B. Veno indicated that just because a road is an ancient way, it does not necessarily give public access. A. Moore said that Sherriff's Meadow was not interested in using Old Light House Road to access West Chop Woods.
- G. Hokanson said that he would like to wrap up the West Chop Walk. The draft text needs more work, we need to decide what points of interest are important to include and what we want to say about them. He wondered if we need to tell people how far distances are along the route.
- G. Hokanson felt that we have all the photos that we are going to get at this time and we need to look at the photos to identify the best ones to include. C. Wallis said that she would contact B. Van Riper for more historic photos.
- G. Hokanson said that G. Brennan of the MV times is interested in writing an article on the trails.

4. Agenda for April 6, 2021 meeting

- Updates
  - MVC letter
  - Report on the town website
- Bench recommendations
- Follow up on story mapping narrative.
- Next steps on the 2021- 2022 worksheets

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

Submitted by C. Doble