

Open Space and Recreation Committee

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

Meeting Minutes

Date: May 18, 2021

Meeting called to order: 8:33am

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 Meeting ID: 964 1108 4537 Passcode: 477651

Attendance: Committee – C. Doble (CD), G. Hokanson (GH), C. Wallis (CW), J. Burrows (JB)

Discussion

1. Approval of Minutes of Meetings on 5/4/21
 - CD moved; GH seconded
 - Motion approved.
2. Story Mapping - Ferry Terminal to West Chop Tour
 - GH updated the Committee about a conference call he had with the West Chop Club trustees. They had concerns with calling attention to locations that might lead tourists to ignore the privacy of the property. They are sending written comments re the tour text to GH.
 - C. Seidel created a format with the map of the entire route as the base map and the photos and text as a smaller insert on the left of the screen. All agreed that this format was less desirable since the photos were then too small. It was agreed GH would ask Chris to change the format back and indicate the whole route with some type of dotted line or indicator, to make it easier for a visitor to know which streets the tour follows as well as where they are relative to the tour route.
 - GH will work on how to locate the Storymap tour on the Tisbury website.
 - GH joined a meeting between Nancy Tutko (Sheriff's Meadow) and Chris Seidel (MVC) to discuss turning the West Chop Story Map content into a TrailsMV outing. Nancy is ready to start, but it was agreed that we should wait until the Story Map content has the approval of the Select Board.
 - CD will continue to work on getting this matter on the Select Board's calendar over the next few weeks.

3. Tashmoo Springs Building – Request for Use for a New Restaurant
 - CD is working on having a joint meeting/conversation with the Tashmoo Spring Building Committee and will contact their committee chair about setting up a joint meeting.
 - It was agreed that JB should not discuss this matter with Paul Adler, who is a social friend, or recuse himself from the discussion of the restaurant proposal.
4. Update on CPC Warrants to be voted on at Town Meeting 6/12
 - It was agreed that someone from the Committee should speak in favor of the three CPC projects proposed by the OSR Committee – reconstruction of the Church Street tennis courts, redevelopment of the Church Street tennis court parking lot and repair and upgrade of the Lake Street tennis courts for tennis and pickle ball. Carolyn will make comments about the Church Street project and will ask John Batchelor, representing the Historic Commission to speak on behalf of the courts. CD will ask the school PTO to speak in support of the project, as it would provide a facility for school tennis players to learn and practice. The high school tennis teams have taken the State champ title for several years, so “growing” the younger tennis players would be a major asset to the island. JB will also make comments on behalf of the tennis community and neighbors.
 - CD will work on having an article in the MV Times about the park projects.
5. Review of Year Two Goals/Action Items to be Completed
 - CD reviewed a list of Year Two Goals and tasks. Committee members indicated which tasks they would lead or participate in. Some tasks will be put on the agenda for future discussion to develop a plan for next steps before deciding who will follow up.
 - Park programming is a complex task that will need to involve input from others at a future Committee meeting to determine next steps.
 - CD will send the list out to the Committee. Members should review and make a list of what they will lead and specific plans for the next few months, so we all have our marching orders going forward.
6. Adjourn
 - GH moved, CW seconded, motion approved.
 - Meeting adjourned at 9:50am.

Next Meeting – Tuesday, June 1, 8:30am.

Submitted by C. Wallis