

# Open Space and Recreation Committee

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

## Meeting Minutes

**Date:** June 1, 2021

**Meeting called to order:** 8:45am

**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: 995 3947 9292      Passcode: 228103

**Attendance:**    Committee – Cheryl Doble, Gerry Hokanson, Carolyn Wallis, James Burrows, Henry Stephenson

### Discussion

Approval of Minutes of Meetings on 5/18/21

- C. Wallis moved; G Hokanson seconded.
- Motion approved 5-0

#### 1. Meeting with Spring Building Committee

- C Wallis reported that she and G. Hokanson met with the Tashmoo Spring Building Management Committee and S. Coddington from DPW. The management committee voted to write a letter to the Select Board stating that they did not support Mr. Adler's request to lease the Spring Building for the development of a restaurant. The management committee noted that the building had been preserved using public funding and that it has always been intended for public use. They also noted that the building is heavily used and rented for events almost every weekend this summer. The fees collected go to the DPW for the maintenance of the building. C. Wallis reported that the management committee would be interested in meeting with the Open Space and Recreation Committee to discuss ideas for use of the site and its preservation from future development.
- G. Hokanson asked if we should write our own letter expressing our view on Mr. Adler's request and include our interest in protecting the park. He also reported on discussion regarding the use of the former Water Department office for housing. The Spring Building Management Committee is not in favor of that use. According to S. Coddington, the building is in need of renovation and is not suitable for housing at this time.
- C Doble said that she would contact L. Wells, the head of the management committee to see if she would like our committee to write a letter to the Select Board.

2. Update on Community Preservation warrants
  - C Doble reported that if there were questions regarding any of our project at town meeting that C Wallis would answer questions and provide any necessary explanations.
3. Owen Park
  - C Doble reported that Ben Kelly should have the projection analysis for the Bandstand completed in a week or two.
4. Story Mapping
  - G Hokanson reported that C. Seidel had added a yellow directional line to the map and that he had added text to guide navigation along the route. He also added a VTA link if people want to take the bus to a point of interest or back to town rather than walk the whole route. G Hokanson noted that the overview map included in the StoryMap was not a great directional guide and that the map guidance within the MV Trails app will be better.
5. Review of Year Two Committee Work
  - C Doble shared C Wallis's personal work outline for the next three months with the committee. She suggested that we all try to complete a similar outline for the tasks that we have volunteered to take on. H. Stephenson said that he was going to set up a meeting with J. Burrows to talk about their shared waterfront tasks. C. Doble suggested that J Burrows reach out to Bill Veno at the MVC to learn about their work on bike routes. She also suggested that he meet with regular bike riders to understand the streets that they typically use to get around town.
  - G. Hokanson asked about contacting town Counsel to have him review the Land Bank MOU. C. Doble said that she would contact J. Grande about this.
6. Outreach
  - C. Doble noted that she had not made much progress with community outreach. She suggested that we need a strategy and help. H. Stephenson asked how the School Building Committee was doing this. G. Hokanson felt that it was important to let the community know what we are doing and can provide input. He reminded the committee that George Brennan was interested in writing an article on the story mapping for the MV Times. Committee members proposed other ideas including, scheduled park events and activities, and the Vision Forum. C. Doble said that she was going to get some training on the Town website in June.
7. Inter-active map
  - G. Hokanson shared an interactive map created by C. Seidel that located parks and trail heads and delineated circle with a ¼ mile radius at each of the points. He said that the map will be accessible to us online.
8. Meeting with potential partner organizations

- C. Doble brought up an earlier proposal to invite potential partner organizations or resource people to our meeting to discuss shared interests and potential collaborations. Committee members suggested --

The Spring Building Committee,

Bill Veno from the MVC bike and ped committee,

Additional suggestions were provided via email

MV Land Bank (James Lengyel)

Sheriff's Meadow (Kristen Geagan)

Cultural Committee – Way-finding

John Crocker, Harbormaster – locations for dredge spoils, dinghy storage and removal

Jane Varkonda, Conservation Commission – field walk at Tashmoo Springs

Tisbury Waterways – Tashmoo Springs pond, places for bioretention solutions Lagoon

Pond Association (Doug Reece, Lagoon Pond association)

Polly Hill Arboretum -- collaboration/help on landscape plans and small planting areas, and acquisition of plant material

#### 9. Next meeting agenda

Updates

Scheduling new meeting time

Review Year Two committee tasks and next steps

Discussion on outreach

G. Hokanson moved to adjourn the meeting and H. Stephenson seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:58am.

**Next Meeting – Tuesday, June 15, 8:30am.**

Submitted by C. Doble

