

# Open Space and Recreation Committee

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

## Meeting Minutes

**Date:** June 28, 2021

**Meeting called to order:** 10:35am

**Place:** This was an in -person meeting at the DPW offices.

**Join Zoom Meeting**      Meeting ID: 995 3947 9292      Passcode: 228103

**Attendance:**      Committee members - Cheryl Doble (CD) Carolyn Wallis (CW), Henry Stephenson (HS),  
Gerry Hokansen (GH), James Burrows (JB)

### Discussion

1. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of 6/15/21  
HS moved; JB seconded. Motion approved 5-0
2. Updates
  - A. Tashmoo Springs Building Letter from Paul Adler
    - The Committee reviewed a letter that was sent to the Select Board by the Tashmoo Springs Building Management Committee that was submitted with changes that the OSR Committee requested.
    - The Committee reviewed a draft letter to be sent by the OSR. JB recused himself from the discussion. CW will send revised letter to CD for signing and sending to the Select Board.
  - B. Owen Park and Benches
    - Construction costs being developed by Ben Kelly are anticipated soon.
    - CD reported that the upper terrace construction is proceeding well.
    - Benches can only be ordered from a vendor who will accept a Purchase Order from Tisbury. The vendor we had selected will not do this, so CD will investigate other bench vendors. JB cautioned that we should procure solid teak benches and not go for low cost. CD will investigate procuring the metal and wood teak bench that the Committee had reviewed as a possible choice.
  - C. School Playground
    - Now that the warrant for building a new school was passed by the Town voters, a new School Building Committee will be formed. It was discussed that the OSR should ask to sit on a subcommittee that could be formed around the playground.
    - CD will invite Siobhan Mullin School PTO representative to attend one of our August meetings to discuss.

#### D. New Meeting Time

- All confirmed that the Committee would meet at the DPW office on Mondays, 10:30am – Noon. If others are invited to attend the meeting, they will be scheduled for 11:30am
- If someone is unable to attend in person, we will connect them via Zoom.

#### E. Walking Paths and Trails

- GH reported that Chris Seidel is creating a Storymap landing page that will have all of the Storymaps that we create. There is a QR code that will take you right to the Storymap for the West Chop Loop – this can be put on posters promoting the loop walk.
- CD will talk with Nancy Gardella at the Chamber about creating a poster that could be put up on the ferry and at the Chamber.
- Next maps will be – SSA to Veterans Park, Museum, Lagoon Pond Road end beach, Skiff to Causeway and back to SSA. CW noted that there are floating oyster beds visible from Lagoon Pond Road beach that could be noted.
- The Visit Vineyard Haven group is working on a Storymap for Main Street and the historic district.

### 3. Communications and Coordination with Town Staff

- It was discussed that the OSR Committee needs to get help from the Town to get our projects completed in a timely manner. We want to be able to communicate to the residents what we are accomplishing with regard to parks and open spaces and need timely responses from Town staff to accomplish that.
- It was suggested that the OSR Committee make quarterly presentations to the Select Board, with a discreet agenda and discussion of outcomes expected.
- Strategy would be to have one member of the Select Board be assigned to support our committee. We would seek to have pre-meetings with that member, so they could be knowledgeable about our projects and provide feedback from the Select Board about other projects and information of which we should be aware.
- CD will ask Jay Grande to attend one of our meetings.

### 4. Year Two Action Plan

#### A. Plan Document

- CD sent out a Year Two Work Plan for review. Each committee member was asked to review and edit the sections where they would be the “lead” and include others on the committee who would also be involved. Members should look at the timing for their projects and priorities for this summer.
- It was discussed that we should be looking at the overall network of trails and bike paths and how these could connect to the parks. There are multiple projects that might be led by different committee members around a park – park improvements, trail access to the park, water access and boating connections – that should be coordinated, so we accomplish the bigger picture of a park or trail. Lake Street is a good example of multiple projects that could be coordinated.

#### B. Tasks

- CPC Funds – applications are due for initial scopes in September. Committee members need to think about this source of funding for their projects and what the level of funding would need to be.

- Waterfronts and Water Trails– CW will set up a meeting with Phil Wallis, HS and JB to talk about a connected waterfront path.
- Lagoon Pond Park –JB expressed a particular interest in working on this park. He will add that into the Work Plan.

5. Volunteers

- CD will follow up with Ruth Konigsberg and see what her particular interests are.

6. Other

CW has contacted Kirk Metell about opening up the Church Street Courts this summer, but has not heard back. She will continue to pursue.

7. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by CW, seconded by GH. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:05pm.

**Next Meeting – July 19, 10:30am at DPW Office**

Submitted by C. Wallis