

# Open Space and Recreation Committee

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

## Meeting Minutes

**Date:** August 30, 2021

**Meeting called to order:** 10:31am

**Place:** Zoom <https://zoom.us/j/91743814976>

Meeting ID: 917 4381 4976

Passcode: 755025

**Attendance:** Committee members - Cheryl Doble (CD) Carolyn Wallis (CW), Henry Stephenson (HS), James Burrows (JB), Gerry Hokanson (GH), Kirk Metell (KM). Guest – John Crocker, Richard Andre, Carlos Pena

### Discussion

1. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of 8/9/21
  - GH moved; HS seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
2. Project Updates
  - Owen Park – Jay Grande has stated that the bandstand renovation project is not a priority for the Town – priorities would be rebuilding the harbormaster's building and developing a new pier. Jay would like a cost resolution within 4-6 weeks, so the bandstand project can move forward or not. CD noted that both of the other Owen Park projects are at least a year+ away from being started and funded. HS suggested there are tweaks to the current pier that could be done now. The cost projection completed by B. Kelley concluded that the bandstand project, as proposed by K. Moscow, would be \$372,018. CD explained that there are some tasks in the scope of work that could be eliminated or reduced. She also noted that they are looking at possible design and material changes that might reduce the costs. CD and Ben Robinson are also looking at possible phasing (landscaping, stairs), to reduce the initial costs. This might bring the estimate down to \$200,000. There is \$150,000 in CPC funds allocated to this project. The alternative is to repair the existing bandstand. Kirk has given an estimate of \$50,000 for this, but the Committee felt it was likely more than that, as repair needs to be made to the roof, railing, rafters, repainting all. And, there is worry about the foundation and whether it is sound enough to handle a new roof or repaired roof. John Crocker noted that repair would be almost the same as building a new bandstand. CD will continue to work on solutions and look for other funding sources. Kirk Metell has indicated it is a struggle to get projects built. DPW is low on staff and has a long list of projects in line, so it is unlikely that the DPW would be able to help with work on the Bandstand to reduce costs.
  - Church Street and Lake Street Tennis Courts – CW will follow up with Alex BenDavid regarding when the bid will be advertised. CD, JB and CW will follow up with West Chop regarding their offer to provide clinics, lessons and maintenance of the Church Street courts post reconstruction.

### 3. Marine Terminal

- Richard Andre and Carlos Pena presented a new plan for the Vineyard Wind wharf, which was developed after Ralph Packer rejected the plan for the warehouse/offices on the wharf. This plan will be presented shortly to the MVC. The new plan calls for a 33,000sf precast concrete wharf that is attached to the current seawall. The wharf would be at elevation 8', above Packer's adjacent facility which is at elevation 6'. Water would flow under the wharf. The overlook would be maintained, but access would no longer be along a sidewalk on Beach Road. There would be a small stone beach next to the wharf and some sand by the water's edge. There would be a new crosswalk along Beach Road over to the overlook by the location of the first groin. The beach would be very small but it would be possible to swim over by the raised wharf. Richard Andre noted that beach nourishment could be added to the beach with dredge when that occurs every 10 years. That beach would need to be included on the list of places where dredge sand can be deposited. The Committee was worried about the safety of that plan, allowing swimming so close to the raised wharf. John Crocker asked if the wharf was permeable, as it would appear that while there are a few catch basins, there is a small open ramp area leading directly to Beach Road that would seem to be the likely place for overflow stormwater to flow and thus end up overflowing on to Beach Road. It was suggested that a barrier be placed at the end of the ramp to prevent this and to force the water to go to the edges of the wharf, which could be pitched in a way to direct the water to the edges. It was discussed that it might be preferable to eliminate the overlook, create a ramp and/or stairs down to the beach, so as to continue to allow public access to the beach and use the funds allocated to the overlook to create and help develop the Town's Lagoon Pond Park on the other side of Beach Road. The Committee's vision for this area includes public access with parking, walking paths, kayak launch, picnic table and benches and removal of invasives. This would create better beach access for clambers, people wanting to have picnics, walkers along Beach Road, and activate the Lagoon Pond shoreline. This could satisfy the Chapter 91 requirement for public access on the wharf side. Richard will first check to see if the investment in the park on the south side would satisfy Vineyard Wind's Chap. 91 requirements for development on the harbor. CD noted that the Town has to be on board with this change in plans. HS will provide a drawing of the Lagoon Pond Park to Carlos. The Committee was favorable to Vineyard Wind spending their allocated funds and commitment to public access on the Lagoon Pond side. CD may write a letter to Richard Andre summarizing the Committee's comments.

### 4. CPC applications

- CPC funding applications (eligibility short form) are due September 24th.
- It was agreed that: 1) CW and HS will write up an application for an overlook and kayak dock at Tashmoo Springs Park. 2) CD and HS will write up projects at Lake Street. 3) CW, GS and CD will write up funding for a plan for Veterans Park. 4) CW will write up projects that need equipment and materials, such as beach walk mats for Owen Little Way, benches for Lake Street. The Committee will review at our next meeting and decide which projects to move forward with. All projects need to be presented to Kirk Metell.

### 5. Other

- CD indicated that Siobhan Mullin from the Tisbury School PTO would like a member of the ORC to be a rep on the new School Building Committee. CD asked anyone interested to let her know.

6. Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn made by GH, seconded by HS. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 12:00pm.

**Next Meeting** – September 13, 2021. This meeting will be a zoom meeting.

Submitted by C. Wallis