

Open Space and Recreation Committee

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

Meeting Minutes

Date: September 13, 2021

Meeting called to order: 10:30am

Place: Zoom

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

Discussion

1. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of 8/30/21
 - GH noted one edit to be made.
 - GH moved; HS seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
 - Final minutes, as amended, will be uploaded by CW into the OSR Google Drive folder.
2. Kirk Metell Updates
 - Kirk was unable to meet today due to DPW priority projects that have intervened. It was suggested that CD ask Kirk if he can send a delegate to attend in his place.
 - CD is meeting with Kirk today and will review our proposed CPC projects.
3. CPC applications
 - CPC funding applications (eligibility short form) are due September 24th. Final applications, with more detailed budgets and plans/maps/concept designs, are due in early October.
 - CD has received approval to present our projects to the Select Board of 9/22 for their approval to submit. Submissions to be made by DPW. We need to send a written writeup with justification for each project. All of our projects should: respond to OSR survey, projects that help DPW move forward to
 - Potential applications discussed:
 - Park Furniture and Equipment – to include a mobi mat for Owen Little Way to extend from ADA parking space through to beach. These mats can be angled, in sections. They are ADA compliant. Cost for 150' = \$6,100. Park benches – 2-seater teak benches for Lake Street overlook trail and by dock (2), Tashmoo Springs field path (2), Church Street courts (3) @ \$900 each x 7, say \$6,500. Picnic tables - \$1,000. Bikeracks (Lake Street, Owen Little Way)- \$1,000. Tennis court equipment - \$4,000 match to USTA grant for mechanical roller, security access gate locks (2) – say \$2500. Total - \$22,000.
 - Development of recreation and drainage plan for Veteran's Park. CD, GH, CW speaking with Horsley Witten about a scope of work and cost estimate for the park. CD noted that MV United may also have funds to contribute. They are looking for full distance soccer fields that they can count on for play. Horsley Witten to provide estimate to be used for CPC application.

- Owen Park Paths – stonedust path from start of upper terrace to the bandstand and beach. Also, a short ADA compliant path from road to bandstand. CD is meeting with Quitsa Landscaping, the Town's landscape contractor about how to construct and scope so the stonedust does not wash down the hill in a storm. CD to provide estimate.
- Tashmoo Springs Park – Platform and steps leading to Lake Tashmoo to provide overlook of the lake and pond. Improve walkway through woods around pond and possibly an overlook platform leading from path to side of the pond. Steve Ewing to provide cost estimate for both. Could include pond overlook in this year's application or save it for a phase two, if desired by users. Need to ask Kirk if he needs funding for cutting heavy brush in the field that would need to be pulled in order to make way for a winding path through the field.
- Lake Street - Narrow the entrance to the park, reestablish native planting in the disrupted entry area through the power line, improve the parking lot. Trail from upper to lower park, with steps leading down to dock on the inside of the road. Concept overall is to "stitch" the neighborhood to the park and activate the park. It was discussed that these projects are not yet ready to present to the neighbors or for a CDC application. HS will contact Chris Seidel for a LIDAR map of the park. The next step would be to have public meetings around Lake Street, probably by Zoom, with breakout groups and enabling comments to be conveyed online. CD will check with Heidi about how to accomplish that. JB discussed potential tennis improvements as proposed by the West Chop Club tennis pro. A new pro shop at the park location could also include restroom facilities which had always been an issue.
- It was agreed that we would proceed to discuss the four applications with Kirk Metell, not including Lake Street at this time.

4. General Park Updates and Actions

- Owen Park Little Way – HS suggested improving the path is fine and cutting back some shrubbery, but need in general to soften the appearance of the park with plantings by the parking area and create an inviting atmosphere.
- Owen Park – CD will contact Paul Doherty about private funds that could match the bandstand funding in hand. She has been working on reducing the cost of constructing the new bandstand concept. CD will also investigate the foundation as it has been suggested that it might not support any repair or new roof. CD will also look into having a celebration of the upper terrace with those who donated funds for the project and town leaders.
- Tashmoo Springs - Still questions about why walkers can't use path adjacent to the pond edge. Later phases of work could include bringing a path completely around the pond, assuming easement from adjacent landowner, pond overlook and park pavilion. Best approach might be to create a survey specifically about Tashmoo Springs and talk with the science teachers about what they would want. They currently use the spring pond building for classes. "For several years, Felix Neck has run a TWI-sponsored water quality program for Tisbury School 7th graders using the Pond and the picnic area."
- Park Funding – need to investigate funding sources for park plans (Veterans, Lake Street, Tashmoo Springs). The State PARC grant funding applications are due in the summer, so warrant applications enabling the entire project cost need to be approved in the spring. Those funds can be used for engineering design and construction, which can follow a design plan and cost estimate. Aquinnah evidently used this source of funding to create a seating/picnic area near the shops and an overlook at the cliffs.
- Marine Terminal Project- CD has not heard back from Richard Andre about supporting improvements to Lagoon Pond Park as the Chapter 91 requirement for the Vineyard Wind project. OSR needs to have

a fuller conversation with Vineyard Wind about public access and recreational enhancement on both sides of Beach Road. HS and JB will set up a time to walk the park and look at HS's new designs.

5. Meeting Times – meetings will go back to being held on the first and third Mondays of the month. Next meeting will be September 27th, with agenda items including CPC applications, West Chop Club proposal, Trail updates. The next meeting after that will be the first Monday in October.
6. Adjourn
 - Motion to adjourn made by GH, seconded by JB. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 12:00pm.

Next Meeting – September 27, 2021. This meeting will be a Zoom meeting.

Submitted by C. Wallis