

Open Space and Recreation Committee

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

Meeting Minutes

Date: November 1, 2021

Meeting called to order: 10:30am

Place: Zoom

Attendance: Committee members - Cheryl Doble (CD) Carolyn Wallis (CW), Henry Stephenson (HS), James Burrows (JB), Jay Grande, Town of Tisbury Manager

Discussion

1. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of 10/18/21

- CW moved; HS seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

2. Conversation with Jay Grande

- *Church Street Tennis Courts*

No bids were received due to the nor'easter that shut off power and internet connections for several days. The bid will need to be readvertised.

- *Owen Park Bandstand*

C. Doble reported again on the Pre-Construction estimate for the Moscow bandstand design prepared by Ben Kelley. The Cost of over \$300,00 was way beyond what we had expected or have available. She also reviewed the steps that had been taken to reduce the cost. There are definitely items in the estimate that we don't need and things that the Town might take on. Keith Moscow sent the drawings to a vendor to price building the bandstand offsite and barging it to the island in an attempt to find a lower cost for the project. Another alternative is for Keith to be the general contractor, oversee the subcontractors and provide the drawings pro bono. Most recently Keith contacted Steve Siegel, a structural engineer, to provide a proposal to open up the bandstand floor and assess the structural integrity of the base and corner posts.

Jay Grande indicated that even if this project continues to progress for another year with work to bring down the cost and gain the necessary funding, it will be a 100 year investment for the town and worth completing. Jay suggested that we get a proposal from Keith Moscow for investigating the foundation, creating bid documents and construction oversight for the design we conclude is the best and most cost effective. The bid would be subject to available funds. If the investigation component is under \$10K, and the structural engineer quotes a competitive rate, this component of the work could be contracted for separately. In terms of funding for this Keith Moscow work, Jay recommended submitting a warrant article to Jon Snyder who can see if there are unspent funds in prior warrants that could be committed to this project. He recommended submitting a warrant article for \$800,000 and noted that if other improvements are needed for Owen Park, that those could be added to the warrant.

- *Lagoon Harbor Park*

Jay indicated that the Town sent in a funding request to FEMA for replacement the seawall along Beach Road from the bridge to Packer's terminal. The request is based upon a proposal from Tighe and Bond. Funding is competitive and the proposal was not funded last year. The committee discussed that the seawall could be part of the public component of the Vineyard Wind project and provide a more natural way to encourage public access to the harbor. The committee referenced the earlier seawall plans

completed by Jamie Weisman. H. Stephenson noted that it would be good to develop a plan that addresses both sides of Beach Road -- the harbor side and the Lagoon Pond side. Our committee has developed ideas for biking, overlooks, beach access, a walking path and limited parking on the Lagoonside. All of the land is Town-owned, so it is a great opportunity to develop public access and recreational uses. A meeting will be set up with Jay, Richard Andre, Carlos Pena and members of our Committee before Thanksgiving to discuss the different plans and opportunities and Vineyard Wind's commitment of funds to public access. H. Stephenson expressed that it would be advisable for Vineyard Wind to hire a landscape architect to develop plans for the natural areas and beaches, rather than only using having engineering designs.

3. West Chop Tennis Program Proposal

J. Burrows related that he has reached out to David McNamara to further expand on his proposal to provide junior and adult tennis clinics at Lake Street Park next summer. The Committee would like more detail on how the program will be promoted, how will people sign up, how will it be managed. C. Wallis suggested we investigate having benches outside the courts for those waiting for clinics to start. We agreed that both courts would be used for clinics on the days and times that the program was being run.

There was discussion about improvements to Lake Street Park in the area of the tennis courts, particularly if there was a third court. H. Stephenson would like to present an overall vision at neighborhood meetings about the park that would include expansion of the tennis and pickle ball uses. C. Doble discussed how meetings could be done on Zoom, with overall presentations and possible smaller breakout sessions. C. Doble and H. Stephenson will meet to discuss how to present various concept ideas.

4. Tisbury School

A new School Building Committee has not yet been appointed, so no further progress has been made re playground design. Once a landscape architect has been engaged, we will ask that OSR be included in the meetings.

5. 4 State Road, MVC DRI

CD indicated that the plans for the former Educomp building at 4 State Road have been revised to show a smaller footprint and more parking. Runoff and drainage into Veterans Park remain an issue of concern. The mass of the structure may also impose upon the park. We will continue to follow the progress of the project and possibly provide input or testimony once there is an opportunity for public comment.

6. Story Maps

GH sent the draft storymap text and route to the Committee for review and editorial suggestions. All should review and provide comments directly to GH.

7. Next Meeting Agenda

- JB -bike trails through Vineyard Haven
- Lake Street Park proposal
- Vineyard Wind meeting
- 4 State Road plan update
- Topo and GIS maps from Chris Seidel for Lake Street and Tashmoo Springs parks – HS

8. Adjournment

JB moved; HS seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 12 noon.

Next Meeting – November 15, 2021, 10:30-noon. This meeting will be a Zoom meeting.

Submitted by C. Wallis