

# Open Space and Recreation Committee

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

## Meeting Minutes

**Date:** November 22, 2021

**Meeting called to order:** 10:30am

**Place:** Zoom

**Attendance:** Committee members - Cheryl Doble (CD) Carolyn Wallis (CW), Henry Stephenson (HS), James Burrows (JB),  
Guests - Nancy Weaver, Lynne Fraker

### Discussion

1. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of 11/1/21
  - CW moved; JB seconded. Motion carried 4-0-1. GH abstained.
2. Updates
  - *Owen Park Bandstand*  
CD is waiting for proposals from Keith Moscow for construction documents and oversight and Steve Siegel for structural assessment of the foundation and post brackets. The aim would be to coordinate their costs and work.
  - *CPC Applications* – all four applications submitted by Tisbury DPW and the OSR were approved by the CPC Committee at the budget amounts requested. The applications will be posted to the OSR Google Drive.
  - *Vineyard Wind Marine Terminal* – CD spoke with Richard Andre, who indicated that it will not be possible to switch the public benefit from the harbor side of the wharf to the Lagoon Pond Harbor Park. There will need to be an overlook and steps to the beach, although not at the scale originally depicted. Vineyard Wind remains committed to providing funds for the Lagoon Pond Harbor public park as well. Mass DOT has discussed moving the crosswalk eastward to be level with the new overlook. CD will set up a working Zoom meeting with Richard Andre, Jay Grande, HS and JB. The objective will be to look at suggested concepts both for the seawall and how that will be affected by sea level rise, the new overlook and Lagoon Pond Harbor Park. This could be followed with a walk of the site, once concepts have been visualized and understood. CD will set up all meetings and ask Richard Andre to send a copy of the latest Vineyard Wind plan.
  - *Church Street Tennis Courts*  
CW will check the status of the bid re whether, when it was readvertised.
3. Tisbury Waterworks (TWI) Testing at Tashmoo Springs  
GH discussed that TWI has done testing of the stormwater outfall off of West Spring Street which flows into Lake Tashmoo not far from the pond. After 18 mos. of microbial source testing, they have found high levels of fecal coliform, a high percentage of which is coming from human sources. The Tisbury Board of Health is looking into this issue. GH will keep the committee updated.
4. Trails MV Update

GH reported that Sheriff's Meadow is undergoing a transformation of Trails MV to now include parking area #s, trail conditions, and several other enhancements, so no additions to the site will be possible until summer, 2022. In the meantime, GH will work on the trail alignment from Colonial Drive and the Tisbury School to Tashmoo Spring and other connecting trails. These trails can then be shared on the Trails MV site next summer. Other means to communicate walking (and biking) trails will be investigated.

5. West Chop Tennis Program Proposal

JB related that the proposal for clinics at Lake Street next summer is fairly detailed. Concept is to start clinics at Lake Street and once Church Street is constructed, move adult clinics to that location. JB will draft up a plan of what OSR would like and send it to David for approval – to include registration details, any needs at Lake Street, gate access to the courts. Need to get a plan approved by the Select Board.

6. Bike Trails through Tisbury

JB and Nancy Weaver have mapped out several bike routes from the ferry through town to State Road, Lake Tashmoo, Holmes Hole Road/West Tisbury. JB noted that some routes could be graded to improve their bikeability for all abilities. It was suggested that all routes be shown on Google Earth, so it is easier to visualize. We discussed having three routes: Town Roads (priority), Power Line trail from West Chop to Lake Street and State Road, SSA over to State Road/Mud Puddle/Edgartown VH Road. CD suggested we get a member of the Select Board to attend a meeting about trails and work with us on alignments and marketing. It was discussed the variation in grade – CW suggested a sign system that would identify Easy, Medium, Hard and indicate the grade of that trail so users will know before they begin if they could handle the level of steepness.

7. Lake Street

HS and CD have developed several options for Lake Street Park improvements. The next step would be to solicit public input – issue is how to best do this given health precautions for in person meetings. Could do on Zoom with presentation, breakouts, possible voting. CW will investigate how to use Zoom to do this.

8. Progress Review – Next Meeting

CD suggested that at our next meeting, the committee would review what we have accomplished over the past 6 mos. and what is realistic to do for the next six months. JB indicated he wanted to work on Tennis Courts and programs, Bike routes, Lagoon Harbor Park. CW would work on the implementation of all CPC projects, the Church Street Courts, grant funding for parks. CD would work on Veterans Park, Lake Street and Owen Park. HS would work on Tashmoo Springs, base maps of every park, Lagoon Harbor Park and Vineyard Wind project.

9. Adjournment

GH moved; HS seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 12:05pm.

**Next Meeting** – December 6, 2021, 10:30-noon. This meeting will be a Zoom meeting.

Submitted by C. Wallis