

Open Space and Recreation Committee

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

Meeting Minutes

Date: January 10, 2022

Meeting called to order: 10:30am

Place: Zoom <https://zoom.us/j/92569656845>

Meeting ID: 925 6965 6845 Passcode: 273528

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

1. Approve Prior Minutes

A summary of the workshop session on 12/20/21 was reviewed. GH moved, HS seconded to approve. Vote 4-0 (CW was late to meeting).

2. Updates

- Lagoon Harbor Park – CD shared a conversation with Richard Andre regarding future discussion and planning for the public open space and Lagoon Harbor Park. The Vineyard Wind project is still under review and Richard did not think that they would be ready for further discussions until mid - late February. CD thought that we might continue with our planning for this area but that we should recognize that the Vineyard Wind review is going to take time and that future discussions and support will be a way off.
- Tennis – CD reported that the one bid was received for the two tennis courts and it exceeded the available funding; the town was not able to accept the bid. CW and CD spoke with Kirk Metell to see if it would be possible to reduce the scope of work. Kirk agreed that the fencing item for both the Church Street and Lake Street courts would be removed and the project rebid with a smaller scope of work. Kirk has requested a warrant article for all of the fencing that would be bid separately and constructed by a different contractor.
- Owen Park Bandstand - CD reported that the Select Board approved a warrant article to provide additional funding for the construction of the new bandstand. She explained the current dilemma regarding increased materials costs and unavailability of contractors, which is challenging project construction. She has received a proposal from an engineer to evaluate the structural condition of the existing foundation and another proposal from architect Keith Moskow to complete the construction drawings at cost. There has been discussion regarding the desirability of just making repairs to the bandstand versus the value of a new structure. While the Committee did not discuss the alternatives of repair versus new construction, they did feel that we should encourage the Town to move forward with the structural analysis that would cost \$5,000. There are CPC funds to pay for this assessment. GH moved and HS seconded a resolution that we recommend that the town contract for the engineering study of the bandstand. Resolution approved 5-0. CD will write a letter to Jay Grande and Kirk Metell to share the Committee's recommendation.
- Lake Street Park – GH reported that Jamie Houle, UNH Stormwater Center, will plan to visit Lake Street Park in January. Jamie has funding through SNEP to implement several drainage structures in Tisbury and the island; however, it does not include an installation at Lake Street. Two projects slated for

implementation are Grove Street and West Spring Street. Grove Street will be a demonstration of how to handle roads leading down to the sea. The similar drainage structures will be used in all the designs and are meant to be constructed locally. So, the Town could move forward with implementation at other parks, using similar stormwater structures. The purpose of the upcoming meeting will be to discuss what might be done at Lake Street to address stormwater runoff. The idea would be to have a walk-through with Jamie in January and incorporate his ideas into the design concepts for the park, presented to the public in March.

CW will ask her contacts at PA State Parks for information on compost restrooms they are locating in State Parks and forests. CW will contact Steve Ewing and set up a time for she and HS to walk through the lower park and discuss the idea of a continuous trail from the upper park to the lower park, leading to the beach and avoiding the roadway.

3. West Chop Tennis Program Proposal

JB will resend the final proposal from West Chop for free adult and child tennis clinics at Lake Street Park this summer. CD will work on a date for presentation to the Select Board. David McNamara and JB should be on Zoom to present. The proposal is coming from the West Chop Club with support from the Committee. Other topics to present to the Select Board at same meeting – Lagoon Pond Storymap information, Lake Street public outreach for design for Lake Street Park.

4. Work Tasks - Committee

Committee members have earmarked which parks they will work on, as well as trails and bike routes, communications and outreach, grants.

- Trails and Bike Routes – it was discussed that the Committee should have a workshop on this topic to discuss routes from the ferry through town to West Tisbury, safe bike routes through and around town, route from ferry to Oak Bluffs. The aim is to settle on a safe network of bike and ped routes. Richard De Witt, Tisbury rep to the MVC Bike and Ped Committee will be asked to come to the next Committee meeting to talk about bike routes. The Committee will have a workshop on a route map after the meeting with Rich DeWitt.
- Story Maps – the Committee will review GH's draft route and text for the story map from the SSA in Vineyard Haven to Lagoon Pond Road-end beach.
- Grants – CW will reach out to Melissa Cryan, MA PARC Grant Manager, to set up a visit to Tisbury for next summer to address our park needs and discuss a grant proposal. Meeting should be held prior to CPC application deadline and warrant articles for 2023 approval. All funds for a PARC grant must be approved and a warrant for the entire funding in place prior to making an application. Possible Park funding requests – Lake Street, Veterans. It is possible to ask for funds for several parks – we can discuss the feasibility of that strategy.
- CPC Projects – four new projects to be approved at Town Meeting this spring. CW will write up scopes of work for each so that we are ready once approved to follow-up on each of the projects.
- Signage – GH will take the lead on this topic and develop a scope of work to follow-up. GH asked for names and contact information for other folks in town who are looking at this topic.
- Outreach and Web Links – HS will develop a presentation for Lake Street public outreach to take place in March. CW will research other organizations whom we could partner with to link our park information to their websites, so we can expand our outreach and eyes on our work. GH and JB will look at how trails are promoted in other towns, such as Falmouth and how that information is communicated to residents. GH will oversee/manage our Google Docs to maintain committee records and project documentation. There was some discussion about whether or not the google

docs could be linked to a website. There was discussion about having information ready for the newspapers to take up after a Select Board meeting, so the reporters would have the information they needed to write a timely article.

5. Next Meeting

- 1/24 - Richard De Witt – discussion of Bike and Ped Committee issues and Tisbury bike paths and issues. Report on outreach. Select Board update
- 2/7 – Workshop on bike and ped routes

6. Adjournment

CW moved to adjourn, JB seconded. Approved 5-0.

Submitted by Carolyn Wallis