

# Open Space and Recreation Committee

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

## Meeting Minutes

**Date:** January 24, 2022

**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) , Richard DeWitt (Chair, MVC Bike and Ped Committee)

### 1. Updates

- Meeting with Select Board – JB, David McNamara and CW would present update on West Chop Club tennis proposal. Update on the latest Lagoon Pond Road storymap, Lake Street Park. CD will send a packet including letter from David. Aiming for 2/16, 3:00pm.
- Meet with Kirk – CD and CW scheduled to meet with Kirk Metell to review Owen Park bandstand.

### 2. Richard DeWitt

Rich has strengthened the Bike and Ped Committee by working to get community input and developing a Mission Statement. BPAC meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of month, 5:30pm. Goals of the Committee are:

- Island-wide Communication, with each town having representation on the Committee. Tisbury does not now have a member.
- Advise and Advocate on biking, walking with programs, transportation planning
- Participate in educational opportunities – bike rodeo at high school in the Spring
- Designate MV as a bike-friendly community – Nantucket has this designation. Needs signage, shared-use paths.
- Advise on policies that promote bike and ped health as opposed to auto transportation. Work on having cyclists wearing helmets, lights.
- Monitor progress and celebrate success.

Projects working on include: Beach Road – 5 corners to Winds Up, curb bike lane with signage; SUP – drawbridge to Eastville being constructed by Lawrence Lynch; SUP around Airport, repaving done by MassDOT, 2022 Plan; SUP – Edgartown to OB, timber railings out of code, State is assessing; W. Tisbury – extend Old County Rd. SUP to State Road and Scotchman's Lane, State\$.

JB noted that our focus is paths around Tisbury, getting from ferry out of Tisbury to connect to OB and West Tisbury. Current conditions are not family-friendly or safe. Nancy Weaver and James have been exploring Old Holmes Hole Rd. they like it for mtn. bikes, but not good for families. Some return on State Road would be best. Signage is key.

Discussed that Holmes Hole Road could be improved for all bike types. Need to work with Dan Doyle on that as well as the connection to Stoney Hill and connection behind Vineyard Grocer. Data re ferry users would support making bike improvements. Need a good map that shows bike route from ferry to State

Road. Could be put out by the SSA and Chamber. Need a route through Union, Main, maybe to Woodlawn and then out of town.

Richard will include JB on a mapping subgroup. Working on a color-coded rating system of routes and paths for the whole island. Noted that Sheriff's Meadow is working to take Trails MV app to a new GIS level that would allow tracking usage. Mapping road width, surface, safety. Richard noted that bikers are an important part of the community and tourist economy and the Bike Pedestrian Advisory Committee is focused on safety.

Other – ebikes, class 1 & 2 pedal-assist are allowed on SUP paths. More vendors starting to rent ebikes, that will allow more people to bike around the Vineyard. Need to inform the SSA, VTA, Chamber of the current bike routes. Could use QR codes on your iPhone. Richard will share the draft bike route map for Tisbury. Agenda topics for the BPAC could be Safety, messaging from SSA re walking your bike from ferry to bike lanes on Beach Road.

TIP – JTC votes on the State TIP. There is an annual submission process, our JTC needs to get in the queue for \$. Some projects – Skiff to State Road, SUP Tisbury to West Tisbury, North Road – Wtis to Chilmark. Need letter of support from the BPAC for funding and would aim to get CPC funds to fill gaps. Major issue is bike access to private roads.

### **3. Lake Street Research**

Restroom – CW will share info on CXT concrete toilets. Issue of proximity to the power lines. Need to check with Melinda.

Photos – HS will put photos into Google Docs.

Path – HS and CW met with Steve Ewing re boardwalk/path from woodland path through woods, over the wetlands to the beach. Doable – in range of \$100k.

Benches – CW met with Carlton Sprague who has a design for wooden benches.

### **4. Storymaps**

GH asked for comments on the Lagoon Pond storymap. Also, ideas for additional storymaps.

### **5. Next Meeting**

- 2/14– Workshop on Lake Street Park
- Next workshop would be on routes for walking and biking.

### **6. Adjournment**

GH moved to adjourn, HS seconded. Approved 5-0.

Submitted by Carolyn Wallis