

Open Space and Recreation Committee

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

Meeting Minutes

Date: February 28, 2022

Meeting called to order: 10:30am

Place: Zoom

Attendance: Committee members - Cheryl Doble (CD) Carolyn Wallis (CW), Henry Stephenson (HS), Gerry Hokansen (GH) Kirk Metell (KM). Guests Doug Reese, Lagoon Pond Assn. and Danielle Ewert (DE)

1. Approval of Minutes

CW moved, HS seconded to approve the minutes of the 1/24/22 meeting. Approved 4-0.

CW moved, HS seconded to approve the minutes of the 2/14/22 meeting. Approved 3-0, Abstain-1.

2. Lagoon Pond Assn. (LPA) Update

Doug Reese and Danielle Ewert updated the Committee on a new port-o-pot project at the Lagoon Pond Landing. The Lagoon Pond Association (LPA) has received funding from the Edey Foundation that will be used to construct and install a 7' x 7' x 8' enclosure to be put around a port-o-potty to be placed at the Lagoon Pond landing. The potty will be leased each year – so put in place and removed by a potty company. The LPA would like The Town to pay for the annual potty rental - \$400/wk. + weekly pumpout, in year two and to remove and store the enclosure at the end of the summer boating season. Two suggestions – sewer the potty and request maintenance and rental funding from the Town's Embarkation funds. The LPA requested the Open Space and Recreation Committee's support for this project and funding in 2023.

3. Updates

- Owen Park Bandstand – CD is making changes to the contracts for assessing the foundations of the current bandstand and will send to KM for review and moving forward. CD also reviewed the contract for Keith Moscow to construct the new bandstand.
- Rent of Veteran's Park – A non-profit organization desiring to hold a summer jazz fest requested to "rent" Veteran's Park for their event to be held two weeks prior to the 2022 Beach Road Weekend. KM denied the request due to wear and tear of the fields.
- Tennis Program – The Select Board reviewed the West Chop Summer Tennis Program proposal and seemed to be all in favor. Need to understand how DPW can support the program. The bids for the Church Street and Lake Street tennis court restoration are due 3/11/22.
- Lake Street Park
 - Workshop – CW and CD are working on the PPoint presentation that would be given to the public (mostly likely by Zoom) with an opportunity for input on designs and projects. The idea would be to seek funding for implementation (CPC, a State MA PARC grant) to cover a significant share of the construction. That would require public input, final design, an application for CPC funding in the Fall to cover the matching grant requirement, approval at Town meeting and then

submitting application in next summer. We would anticipate holding the public meeting on 4/7 prior to Town Meeting. This would require submitting articles to the papers and developing flyers to be placed around Town and in neighbors' mailboxes. HS will design a flyer. Other outreach would be to: TWI, Harbormaster – list of those with Lake Street moorings; School PTO email list.

- Restroom – KM indicated that he will put a port-o-potty behind the restroom building for summer, 2022 use. The current building has to be replaced. It is sewer, so would not need to have a vault restroom.
- Parking Lot – HS will confer with KM on the Upper Parking Lot design. DPW plans to make improvements to the parking lot in May, 2022 to make it functional. Later phases, as shown on the Lake Street design concepts, would include a newly configured lot.
- Lake Street Stormwater Collection – GH reported that James Houle is the consultant working on innovative stormwater measures. A likely solution for Lake Street is a gravel lot that serves as a filtration basin.
- Project Management – KM has the funds to hire a Town Facilities Mgr. This person would manage the construction of DPW's projects, which has been difficult to do very timely without staff. DPW will also hire a Contract Specialist who will manage the bid process. This work is currently being done on overtime by KM's assistant, who is typically in the field all day working on DPW projects.
- Trail Connections
 - GH is working with Sheriff's Meadow on how to connect the west side of the Water Dept. property to Colonial Drive and then across Spring Street. There will need to be a crosswalk. Elevation and grade change is steep at this connecting point. GH will meet with KM to resolve designing this trail connection from the Water Dept. property to Tashmoo Spring Park. KM indicated that he would need to contact the Water Dept. re gaining access through their property. The connection anticipated does not go near their building or well.
 - Trail under the Eversource lines into Lake Street Park – KM indicated that Eversource will not allow people to walk or bike under their lines due to safety concerns. Rules he has been told is no access within 10' of a power line, particularly for lifts and cranes. Brian Mellow is the local Eversource rep. and John Duma is the on-island contact. KM will set up a meeting with the OSP Committee and Eversource to review.

4. Next Meeting

- 3/7
- Lake Street Update
- Interactive Map for bike routes and trails
- Update on Eversource issues in prep for meeting later in April
- Update on Vineyard Wind

5. Adjournment

GH moved to adjourn, HS seconded. Approved 4-0.

Submitted by Carolyn Wallis