

Open Space and Recreation Committee

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

Meeting Minutes

Date: April 19, 2022

Meeting called to order: 10:30am

Place: Zoom

Attendance: Committee members - Cheryl Doble (CD) Carolyn Wallis (CW), James Burrows (JB), Gerry Hokansen (GH); Bill Veno (MVC); Richard De Witt (MVC Bike/Ped)

1. Bike Route Discussion

Bill showed the current bike route map for Vineyard Haven, from ferry to WT and OB and a safer proposed route. Current route is from Ferry/Union/Church/Franklin/Center/Pine/W. Spring/State is heading to WT and inbound from State/W Spring/Cromwell/Ferry. Alternate route would be Union/Main/Woodland/Franklin/Clough/Pine/W Spring/State. This route is less steep, safer as even on Main, motorists slow at the Waterside pinchpoint and then road it wider. When turning onto Franklin from Woodland, there is a slow speed sign, but it could be moved to be more visible to motorists who tend to speed along Franklin. The Committee agreed that the alternate route would be the preferred route to show on maps for ferry riders to get through VH. The current maps put out by the Chamber show Union as the wrong direction.

Recommendation is to have the SSA give out a bike map to everyone buying a bike ticket.

RFW indicated that the Bike Ped Committee continues to work on the all island bike route map. Other VH issues are signs at Five Corners when coming from the drawbridge – need to tell riders to dismount when crossing all crossings at that intersection.

Route from Lagoon Pond Road to town? CD discussed the route from Beach Road through the Tisbury Marketplace to Safe Harbor and then Lagoon Pond Road/Veterans Park/Cromwell/Union Street connector over to Main. New Master Plan/Area Plan could include this route. Possibility of using Complete Streets funding if we have help getting engineered drawings of these small projects. Need to pursue with MVC. Need to set up a meeting with Safe Harbor to go over prior plans and see about their interest and where a route could go given their new plans – Bill Veno, Richard, Safe Harbor, CD, James B.

2. Tennis Project

JB will forward info to Committee on online registration. JB will follow up with newspaper articles.

3. Eversource

GH reviewed maps of the Eversource power line corridor from West Chop Woods to Lake Street. There are mostly 3 poles wide, so difficult to put a path in that would be 25' from the side poles. Suggested that the Master Plan look at this as a Town Greenway and get into the issues of circulation, emergency access and safety. CD will ask that this be put on the Master Plan agenda. Our inquiry to the Eversource ROW Committee could just focus on the Lake Street parking lot.

4. Field Trip Follow-up

All agreed that it was disturbing to see the abuse of Town land and the lack of oversight. This formerly wooded area has been transformed.

Questions for Kirk:

- What oversight is there re activities in this area?
- How is the area designated? Water Dept., DPW, other? Is there a plan for what each agency is doing or will do?
- What is going in with the road under the Eversource lines?

5. Town Warrants for Recreation

We agreed that we need to “manage” the implementation of each of the new warrants. Someone should tell Horsley Witten the \$ that was awarded. CW will contact Steve Ewing and let him know the \$ awarded and that there will be a bid in July. CW will review furniture, Mobi mats, so Town will be ready to procure in July. Bid for tennis court fencing and other needs to be drafted.

6. Lake Street

CD indicated best to hold a public meeting in June. Aim is to be ready with a CPC application in the fall.

7. Lagoon Harbor Park

Need to get a design and cost estimate for the park, so we are ready to address funding. Vineyard Wind \$400,000 can be a match.

8. Follow-up

- Meeting with Kirk – discuss process for implementing projects and process for bidding.
- James – tennis
- Eversource – find out what the agreement is for parking lot for Lake Street
- Owen Park – contract for structural engineering
- Tashmoo Springs – CW to contact Steve Ewing
- Meeting with Safe Harbor and Bill Veno
- Contact Horsley Witten
- Field Trip follow-up conversation with Kirk
- Lake Street PowerPoint - CW

9. Adjournment

GH moved to adjourn; CW seconded. Approved 4-0.

Next Meeting – 5/2.

Submitted by Carolyn Wallis