

# Open Space and Recreation Committee

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

## Meeting Minutes

**Date:** May 2, 2022

**Meeting called to order:** 10:31am

**Place:** Zoom

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

### 1. Approval of Meeting Minutes

CW moved, JB seconded a resolution that the Minutes of the Meetings of April 14, 2022 and April 18, 2022 be approved. Resolution passed 3-0 with 1 abstention.

### 2. Committee discussion

#### a. Town meeting Warrants

- CW and CD will be meeting with Kirk to review the CPC projects and discuss implementation. We want to get all the newly funded projects underway this summer.
- Tashmoo Springs Park – CW will ask Steve Ewing to meet with us at Tashmoo Springs Park to review the proposed projects that were approved for CPC funding at Town Meeting. CW will get dates from members of the Committee for a site meeting and discussion of the components of the approved projects. Need to confirm some details in order to help DPW with a bid advertisement.
- Church Street Tennis Court Reconstruction – Cape & Island Tennis was approved to develop this project. Their plan is to construct the Lake Street court renovation in September 2022 and the Church Street courts in October 2022. A warrant article for \$100,000 for new fencing and other improvements to the two tennis courts was approved at Town Meeting. It was agreed that we should work to have the bid for new fencing be advertised in July, so an approved fencing vendor can coordinate with Cape & Island Tennis when they are constructing both facilities.
- Additional funds were also approved for the Owen Park Bandstand. CD reported that she had been working with Keith Moskow and that she had forwarded a proposal from Keith to Kirk for the engineering assessment of the existing bandstand foundation and construction documents for the new bandstand.

#### b. Lake Street Park Public Meeting

- Lake Street community workshop – We discussed that June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5:30- 6:30pm would be a good date for a public workshop/meeting on park improvements. CW will complete the PowerPoint presentation and send to the Committee for review. CD will explore the availability of town venues for the meeting. The group discussed outreach for the event including a notice on the Town Website, email announcements sent out through the Tisbury School, and the Vineyard Haven Library. We can also write a news brief for the papers, hang posters and possibly deliver fliers in the neighborhood. HS will develop a flyer and poster.
- West Chop Club has indicated a potential desire to expand the tennis court complex at Lake Street, post a review of the summer tennis clinic program. HS suggested that we should be designing any

potential extension of tennis courts now, so we can be mindful of this potential expansion before the Lake Street court project is undertaken. CD thought that final decisions on the use of the upper area should wait until we have had a chance to evaluate the summer program. She suggested that it would be important to consider the best locations for this extension, given the grade change on the site and the location of the leach field.

**c. Tennis program**

- JB reviewed the summer program that will run for 9 weeks from June 27 – August 28. Adult sessions will be held in the morning and the youth program in the afternoon. They will be able to accommodate 60 people a day on the two Lake Street courts.
- JB reviewed the various online registration platforms and felt that the Skidda online registration seemed the best. He felt that the free program would be adequate for this year but that we might want to consider an upgrade when the courts are finished, and people will be registering for time slots. He shared the program layout with the committee to illustrate how it could be set up to serve our purposes.
- JB will contact Heidi Rydzewski to see how this might be set up or linked from the Town Website.
- The group felt that it would be good to announce the program during the first week of June and that we will have to have the online registration ready by then.
- We had a brief discussion of the program name and will discuss this further at the next meeting.

**d. Next Meeting Agenda Items:**

- Review of CD and CW Meeting with Kirk on implementing projects and process for bidding for warrant article projects.
- James – Tennis program – registration and outreach
- Eversource – agreement is for parking lot for Lake Street
- Tashmoo Springs – meeting with Steve set for 5/18, 9am at the park.
- Meeting with Safe Harbor and Bill Veno – CW to report
- Contact Horsley Witten
- Field Trip follow-up conversation with Kirk
  - 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 on with the road under the Eversource lines?
- Lake Street PowerPoint – CW

**3. Meeting was adjourned at 11:55am**

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

Submitted by Carolyn Wallis