

Open Space and Recreation Committee

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

Meeting Minutes

Date: May 16, 2022

Meeting called to order: 10:32am

Place: Zoom

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

1. Updates

- a. **DPW** – CW and CD met with Kirk Metell to discuss how the Committee could help with scopes of work and bids for the recently approved CPC recreational projects. CW will work on getting a PO for Mobi mats and look for vendors for teak benches and bikeracks. Kirk will handle picnic tables. CW will set up a field meeting with Steve Ewing to review the scope for the two projects at Tashmoo Springs. Kirk indicated he wanted to mow the field for the field walkway prior to the Memorial Day picnic at the park. CD and Kirk set up a meeting with Quitsa Landscaping to go to Owen Park to go over the scope for the walkway expansion. CD provided KM with a signed contract for the engineering work to be done at the Owen Park bandstand.
- b. **Veterans Park** - CD and GH will review the scope of work from Horsley Witten. This should include review of the climate change plan suggestions and other stormwater berm plans. CW suggested that suggested project recommendations for Veteran's Park be implemented by event organizers, such as the Beach Road Concert group as a form of payment to the Town. HW's work can be handled by a professional services contract. They will present a contract to Kirk for signature by the Town. Ben noted that the basketball nets are now up and are terrific. The court has pools of water after a rain, which the plan should review. Likely the BB court will need to be moved to a new, dryer location.
- c. **Tashmoo Springs Park** – CD is meeting with Jane Varconda, Conservation Commission on 5/17 to go over the walkways, invasive species that should be removed, the field walk and any permits needed for the work planned for the Park. A meeting with Steve Ewing at the site will be 5/25, 9am.
- d. **Church Street Tennis Court Reconstruction** – Cape & Islands Tennis will construct the Lake Street court renovation in September 2022 and the Church Street courts in October 2022. Kirk can advertise for fencing of both court locations in July. Also needs to put out a bid for a PIN lock system. CW will find a vendor and provide specs to Kirk. Kirk noted that DPW has a sit-on roller that could be used for the courts.
- e. **Lake Street Design and Public Meeting** – HS has designed a flyer to promote the June 2nd public meeting. CD is working on reserving the Emergency Services building. CW completed a revised draft of the PowerPoint presentation and sent it to CD and HS for review. We will need easels for people to comment on four items – Parking, Upper Park, Trail, Dock area – through stickies or writing comments. Committee members could be stationed areas around the room with easels. CW, CD and HS will meet 5/23 to review the PPoint, marketing the meeting and logistics of the meeting.
- f. **Bike Path Route from SSA through Vineyard Haven** – Kirk M. was concerned about the safety of the proposed route developed by Bill Veno, particularly the turn from Woodland onto Franklin. The

Committee discussed that a crosswalk needs to be developed at that intersection and the sign indicating to SLOW for crosswalk needs to be placed further north on Franklin so there is adequate warning.

- g. Field Trip to DPW properties** – CD indicated that we could set up a joint session with the Planning Board to meet with Jay Grande and Kirk Metell to discuss. This meeting is set for 5/18, 5pm. by Zoom.
- h. West Chop Tennis Clinic Program** – JB has been working with Heidi in IT to set up a site on the Town's website that will link to registration for the program. JB will handle the registrations. Future use of the site can be for tennis memberships, signup for all courts. Heidi needs to signup for this platform. Fee is \$19/mo. Committee agreed that the name of the program would be West Chop Club/Tisbury Tennis Program.
- i. Safe Harbor Walking/Bike Path** – CW and Bill Veno met with Chris Scott of Safe Harbor. Safe Harbor would like to build a bike path that would go from the area of the SALT parking lot up alongside the neighboring property fence, likely 12' wide and then continue through the Teles Landscaping and Vineyard Wind property to Beach Road. A walking path could continue of the south side of the old Bass Creek and travel over a new bridge (unclear who owns the bridge) and into the Tisbury Marketplace. Chris indicated he would put a dotted line for bikepath and walking path on Safe Harbor's plans that are under review by the MVC.

2. Next Meeting Agenda Items (6/6):

- Safe Harbor Bike Route
- Report to the Select Board on Committee work
- Storymaps
- Lake Street Public Meeting
- Tashmoo Springs –
- Contract w/ 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 in with the road under the Eversource lines?

3. Adjournment

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

Next Meeting – 6/6. Note that starting in July, Zoom meetings are ending. Need to decide time and location of meetings.

Submitted by Carolyn Wallis