

# Open Space and Recreation Committee

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

## Meeting Minutes

**Date:** July 18, 2022

**Meeting called to order:** 10:32am

**Place:** Zoom

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

### 1. Approval of Minutes

GH moved, HS seconded a resolution that the Minutes of the Meeting of May 16, 2022 be approved. Resolution passed 5-0.

### 2. Updates

- a. **Owen Park Pathway** – stone dust path completed with a few planted stormwater collection areas. Quitsa reviewing options for maintenance.
- b. **Park Amenities** – CW will send bid language to Kirk Metell for the fencing bid. Suggested benches for Church Street courts – wood with black metal arms same as Owen Park – were discussed. The cost for these could be covered by the Town warrant for tennis court expenses. James asked if benches could be made locally. JB will take another look at Owen Park benches and assess. CD needs to send Jane Varconda a screenshot of Owen Little Way path and photo of mobi mats. CW to provide info to Kirk on teak bench order and bikerack order.
- c. **Horsley Witten Contract for Veteran's Park** – GH will call HW to review the scope and schedule. GH will spearhead the contract through the Town. CD and GH will set up an on-island meeting with HW for when they are here conducting other projects for the Town.
- d. **Owen Park Bandstand** – CD reported that the contract was signed with Moscow for an engineering assessment and post-construction docs.
- e. **West Chop Tennis Outreach Program** – JB reported that the program is operating well and is very successful so far. Most popular age group is 4-8 yr. olds. One issue is knowing who has signed up, as some parents just drop their kids off and there are more than are registered. Need to give instructors a list of registrants. CD will reach out to the Gazette for an article. JB reported that the West Chop Foundation has asked him to send in an application for \$25,000 to support the program next year. This could provide for someone to be at the courts making sure of registrations, the website registration monthly fees and managing the program. Grant would need to pass through a local non-profit. CD noted that there be a Park Fund that can only be spent on the Parks. CD will contact Alex Sargent about how this could be done.
- f. **Safe Harbor Bike Path** – Safe Harbor has a plan for boat racks under review by the MVC. CD would like to have the Committee send a letter of support for the Safe Harbor bike path. GH was approving modifying the former plan. CD will ask Bill Veno if the review by MVC is still open. All of the Committee were supportive of the bikepath from Lagoon Pond Road to Beach Road. Also discussion ownership of the bridge between Safe Harbor and Tisbury Marketplace. If the bridge were to be enlarged and made

safe for bike and pedestrian passage, need to figure out who owns it. Property line runs through the middle of the bridge. HS moved that the OSR Committee send a letter to the MVC regarding the Vineyard Wind and Safe Harbor projects. CW seconded. Approved 5-0

- g. **Tashmoo Springs Park** – CD, HS, CW will meet at the Park to review the walkway and viewing platform dimensions and location. HS will put together large-scale drawings of the improvements for the Park. The new path is being mowed. CW will aim to have three benches placed along the path.
- h. **Lake Street Park** – Suggestion to add burying the power lines to the Lake Street Park design. Issues re the Park: Pickleball – move elsewhere and have two tennis courts?; scale of Upper Park – restroom, basketball court, playground, parking, additional tennis court; playground for kids with basketball was a recommendation from many workshop participants. It was decided that our next meeting would be held at Lake Street to physically see the topography and site and review plan ideas and issues.
- i. **Meeting with Select Board** – CD discussed that there are a number of projects that our Committee needs to review with the Select Board. Need to recognize West Chop Club for the tennis program plus other projects.
- j. **Storymaps** – GH will revise the poster to be placed at the Chamber’s information booth with a QR code to take you to the storymaps developed to date.

- 3. **Reappointment to CPC Committee** – GH moved, JB seconded to have CW be the Committee’s representative to the CPC Committee. Approve 4-0.

#### 4. **Next Meeting - 8/4, 9:00am at Lake Street Park**

#### 5. **Adjournment**

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

Submitted by Carolyn Wallis