

# Open Space and Recreation Committee

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

## Meeting Minutes

**Date:** October 3, 2022

**Meeting called to order:** 10:30am

**Place:** Zoom

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

### 1. Approval of Minutes

CW moved, HS seconded a resolution that the Minutes of the meeting of September 19, 2022 be approved. Resolution carried 4-0.

### 2. CPC Applications – September 2022

All submitted applications were found to be eligible. Full applications with budgets are due October 14. All budgets should include a cost escalation contingency.

- **Blue Trail on Lagoon Pond and Lake Tashmoo** – CW getting letters of support from Sheriffs Meadow, Land Bank. Will also call Emma Beach re Lobster Hatchery and Danielle for the Shellfish Hatchery, both potential sites along the Lagoon Pond Blue Trail.
- **Shed at Church Street** – CW and CD will discuss bringing internet access/WiFi to the site. JB will look into gate access and online registration. CW getting budget quote from Nantucket Sheds.
- **Park Amenities** – CW getting quotes for wood and metal benches for Church Street, and player benches for Church and Lake Street. Will add in ADA picnic table for Lake Street.
- **Website for Tisbury Parks** – CD will look into website designers. GH will write application and seek several quotes. CW will ask Heidi Dietrich if acquiring a domain name is eligible for CPC funds.
- **Owen Park Bandstand** – discussed that we should pivot and work on restoration of the existing structure, given budget and cost constraints. This would mean possibly not seeking any further funds at this time. A renovation would mean new roofs, new posts, possibly supported by sonnet tubes since current posts are rotted, new railing and some type of support that would leave in place the trusses, but open up the view to the water. Steps down from the south side and a ramp on the north side would also be important to a renovation. Kirk is going to open up the foundation from the inside to assess whether existing concrete pad can continue to be used and Ross Seavey will view as well. CD to discuss findings with Jay Grande and a course of action moving forward.

### 3. Current CPC Projects

- **Veteran's Park Plan** - CD will ask Marie at DPW to send GH the Horsley Witten contract. HW is currently reviewing documents. They will provide us with some possible dates for a site visit. We will provide them with a list of other stakeholders they should contact.
- **Tashmoo Springs Park** – CD working on submitting several NOI applications to the Cons. Commission – for removal of invasive trees and shrubs, kayak landing design and mobi mats at Owen Little Way and Owen Parks. Henry Stephenson has produced new drawings of the kayak landing elements.

- **Park Amenities** – CW has received quotes for Mobi mats, teak benches and bike racks and will work with Kirk on ordering.

#### **4. Master Plan**

CD reported that there will be several meetings coming up regarding input to the Master Plan and a status report of findings to date. October 11 will be a Zoom presentation and existing conditions and initial interview summary. October 21 and 22 will be a workshop, including a walking tour of the business districts, SWOT analysis. All Committee members should attend, if possible, to weigh in on open space and recreation aspects. CD asked members to send her recommendations of invitees to the workshop.

#### **5. Other**

1. DPW interface with the Committee – discussion around having some regular input from DPW on ongoing and future projects.
2. Meeting new Select Board members, possibly sit down for coffee and share what the Committee does.
3. Recruit new members to Committee – can we request to add more members, set up subcommittees and potentially have JB lead a subcommittee on tennis program? Have associate members? Would be good to have members with a background in construction, website programming, bike paths and trails. We could have an article in the Times about what we do and suggest we are looking for new members.
4. Friends of Tisbury Parks – might be a way to raise funds for specific parks. Would need a very clear description of how this would work and interface with DPW and our Committee.

#### **6. Next Meeting Agenda**

- Veteran's Park restoration and planning project
- Meet with Jay Grande
- Lake Street Park update
- New Members
- Tennis Program update

#### **7. Adjourn Meeting**

GH moved, HS seconded, approved 4-0. Meeting ended 12:15pm.

Next meeting is October 17, 10:30am, by Zoom.

Submitted by Carolyn Wallis