

Open Space and Recreation Committee

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

Meeting Minutes

Date: December 19, 2022

Meeting called to order: 10:30am

Place: Zoom

Attendance: Committee members - Cheryl Doble (CD), Carolyn Wallis (CW), Gerard Hokanson (GH), Henry Stephenson (HS), James Burrows (JB)
Also attending: Amy Upton (Planning Board Administrator)

Approval of Minutes

CW moved that the Minutes of the December 5, 2022 meeting be accepted as amended. HS seconded. Resolution carried 5-0.

1. Tennis Program Update

- JB and CW suggested the following fees for the Church St. courts: Membership - Tisbury property owners - \$200/yr, Membership - Other Islanders - \$250/yr, "Hourly" - Tisbury residents - \$20 for an hour and a half, "Hourly" - Others - \$35 for an hour and a half. Pickle ball memberships at Lake Street were proposed as \$100/yr for Tisbury residents and \$200 for others. After some discussion regarding whether these were per player or per court time (one charge per time period), it was agreed that CW and JB would revisit and confirm the fee structure based on court time. They will also compare costs to play charged by other towns.
- CW noted that fees needed to cover \$20,000 in expenses. CD asked that this be broken down in more detail.
- JB provided an update on gate lock and CourtReserve expenses: The gate kit would cost \$1600, plus \$200 for the key pad, and \$12/month for a gate lock subscription. Monthly CourtReserve costs would be approximately \$79 plus transaction fees (\$0.30 per transaction).
- In addition to revenue, agreement on court maintenance details, expenses and staffing is also needed (opening/closing, watering, rolling). Players must sweep courts after use.
- Managing access at Lake St. was discussed. JB noted that a second gate lock kit would be needed, but there was uncertainty about how to manage access for tennis (free) versus pickle ball (memberships). CourtReserve costs would go up if the additional Lake St. courts were added to the subscription.

- CW and JB will meet again within the next week to firm up costs and expenses. Once in hand, CD will schedule a meeting with Kirk to discuss staffing and funding mechanisms. Once agreed, the above tennis program details should be presented to the Select Board for their approval.

2. West Tisbury Bike Route

- CD noted that the West Tisbury Complete Street Committee has requested our Committee's input on a proposed shared use path (SUP) on Old County Road and State Road. She distributed a Technical Memorandum entitled "State Road Shared Use Path Feasibility, West Tisbury" prior to the meeting. The proposed State Rd. portion of the route would terminate at the Tisbury Town Line. The document shows an alternative connecting route in Tisbury that follows Old Holmes Hole Rd north from Stoney Hill Rd..
- The Committee felt that a SUP on State Rd in Tisbury would be problematic. There was more support for upgrading Old Holmes Hole Road. A determination would need to be made on the upgrade required.
- Amy Upton noted that she had worked with Chris Seidel (MVC) to prepare a detailed map showing roads in this area. She offered paper copies to all Committee members. An electronic version is also available which Amy or Cheryl will forward to Committee members.
- CD suggested that Dan Doyle be invited to our next Committee meeting to share his perspectives on this project.

3. Next Meeting Agenda

The next meeting will be Monday, January 9, 2023. CD will invite Dan Doyle to discuss the SUP/Bike Path described above. We can also discuss any tennis program updates. It was suggested that we utilize the subsequent meeting (January 23) to review 2022 Committee accomplishments and 2023 objectives.

4. Adjourn Meeting

GH moved, HS seconded, approved 5-0. Meeting ended 11:26am.

Next Committee meeting is January 9, 2023, 10:30am, by Zoom.

Submitted by Gerard Hokanson