

Open Space and Recreation Committee

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

Meeting Minutes

Date: February 27, 2023

Meeting called to order: 10:31am

Place: Zoom

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

Approval of Minutes

CW moved that the Minutes of the February 6, 2023 meeting be accepted. HS seconded. Resolution carried 4-0.

1. Discussion of Meeting Format Moving Forward

- Upon recollection that using Zoom for Town meetings was supposed to phase out in March, GH asked whether there was a plan moving forward. CD indicated that the Town had set up locations for hybrid meetings (in person plus a Zoom-type connection). Before the OSR Committee decided on future meeting dates/times/location/format, it was agreed that CD would check with Pam Bennett on 1) whether Town committees would need to switch to hybrid (could Zoom continue?), and 2) the process for scheduling the hybrid meeting locations (we would want a consistent time and day as we have now).

2. Discussion of Horsley Witten Task 2 Deliverables

- CD noted that the joint meeting to discuss HW concepts with the Water Resources Committee was successful.
- The OSR Committee and Water Resources Committee agreed that HW concepts 11 (Beach Street Parking Lot) and 12 (Whole Park) were not well supported. The first since it's currently being managed by MassDOT, and that the Town had provided DOT with feedback, and the second (Whole Park, ID 12) because the engineering would be difficult, the concept does not appear compatible with climate change and sea level rise, and too much plastic would be used for storage chambers.
- HW concepts 5-8 along Edgartown Road also received little support (low value, high cost).
- There is OSR Committee support for concepts 1-3 (water quality swale near bike path and two constructed wetlands near the current playground and sports courts).
- HW concept 4 (SCM in parking lot) was questioned. The parking area is not known to have standing water issues while there are such issues near the bleachers next to the parking area. Would the island within the parking lot deal with the drainage issues near the bleachers? Alternatively, how would HW

deal with this area. Also need to better understand how the Town will follow up on the CZM-funded coastal resiliency study which impacts this area.

- CD raised a question about whether HW concept 9 (vacant Lot) would best be dealt with by MassDOT since the road is their's.
- CD also raised a question regarding the source of the standing water near the former picnic area on the north side of the park (HW concept 10). The possibility that this water originates from the buildings to the north must be explored before we pursue this concept.
- The next steps are 1) GH to contact Jay Grande and Kirk Metell about their input and a potential walking tour of these proposed SCMs and 2) GH will ask for input from the Water Resources Committee prior to responding to HW (due the week of March 6).

3. Tennis Program Update

- CW reviewed the status of CPA-funded project work at Church Street and Lake Street.
- At Church Street it is anticipated that fencing will be installed in March. Cape and Island Tennis will then return to install nets and court lines. Heidi Rydzewski wants the wifi router installed within the shed, but the current shed will be moved as part of a planned CPA-funded project.
- The new shed at Church Street, the router installation, and the remote lock installation require funds from the 2022-2023 round of CPC funds - to be voted on at Town Meeting. Kirk may be able to use Park Funds from his budget to cover expenses in advance of Town Meeting. CW/CD will check with Heidi Dietterich (CPC Committee administrator) about receiving an advance on CPC funding or repaying funds pulled from DPW Park Funds.
- Kirk will post a contracted position for daily maintenance of the courts for the summer. Depending on how this works, he may need to add a position for this purpose to his budget in future years.
- CD/CW will attend a meeting of the William Street Historic Commission to discuss the Church Street plans, including the parking area, and to encourage their approval.
- At Lake Street, a black plastic coated chain link fence will be installed between tennis and pickle ball courts. Lake St. courts will be promoted in town as a public amenity (free). Pickleballers may raise funds to help pay for court maintenance and upgrades. They will also be asked to monitor the use of the pickle ball courts, particularly potential heavy use by non-Tisbury-residents.
- JB will need to meet with Heidi Rydzewski to resolve questions about how money collected from users by CourtReserve will flow back to the Town.

4. 2023 Committee Priorities

- CD noted that the projects perceived as OSR Committee priorities (see attached, page 3) will be a stretch. Other projects discussed at our meeting on January 23 but not listed here, including Eversource discussions and Lagoon Harbor Park planning, will need to be postponed or covered by new members of our committee (to be determined). As CD's Planning Board duties may increase this year, managing how much she takes on and the OSR Committee Chair role will also need to be discussed.
- An individual with an interest in biking has inquired to Kirk about committee membership. CD will follow up.
- The bike connection between Lagoon Pond Road and Beach Road has a special 2023 priority due to activity (land purchases/building plans) in this area. CD will discuss with Bill Veno. This may also be included as part of a Bike discussion at our next meeting.

- Committee members should review the attached list (Page 4) and identify their interests.

5. Next Meeting Agenda

The next meeting will be Monday, March 6, 2023. Agenda suggestions were 1) Bike Discussion (CD will invite interested persons) and 2) update on Horsley Witten Veteran's Park "Task 2" deliverables. If there's time, the Committee will also review the list of 2023 priorities and agree on assignments.

Adjourn Meeting

GH moved, HS seconded, approved 3-0. Meeting ended 12:10pm.

Next Committee meeting is March 6, 2023, 10:30am, by Zoom.

Submitted by Gerard Hokanson

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2023 Priorities and Assignments

Veterans Park Gerry

- Complete HW work,
- Concert review and Veteran's Park oversight "committee" meetings
- Future funding

Church and Lake Street Tennis Programs - Carolyn, James

- Historic Commission review (Church Street)
- Finish implementation of courts, fence, key lock
- Figure out how to collect \$ for the courts from CourtReserve
- Get Court Reserve application set up for reservations and court access
- Wifi installed and working
- New Shed built
- Parking lot completed

Owen Park

- Bandstand - monitor progress on demolition and new bandstand construction
- OSR Committee oversight and advisory involvement

Tashmoo – Cheryl, Carolyn, and Henry

- Agreement on plan and drawings complete
- NOI and Historic Register clearance
- Clearing vegetation
- DPW to bid out project

Bike routes – Cheryl, plus another potential project lead (see notes above)

- Lagoon Pond/Beach Rd. Connector
- Quiet street routes and map
- West Tisbury connector

Lake street – Henry, Gerry

- Complete study of alternative options
- Present plans at public meeting

Website – Gerry

Blue trail- Carolyn

State Open Space Funding (PARC) and Open Space/Park Protection