

Open Space and Recreation Committee

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

Meeting Minutes

Date: May 15, 2023

Meeting called to order: 10:35am

Place: Zoom

Attendance: Committee members - James Burrows (JB), Cheryl Doble (CD), Carolyn Wallis (CW)

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from April 18 and May 2nd were approved 3-0

1. Veteran's Park

- CD noted that Jay Grande had requested guidance from the Committee on evaluating the condition of Veteran's Park prior to the Beach Road Concert and establishing criteria for restoration the fields following the concert.
- CW felt that the town needed the help of a turf specialist and suggested we talk to Kirk to see if a turf specialist had ever examined the fields and developed a maintenance plan. CW recommended that the town identify a consultant to examine/evaluate the current field condition, provide recommendations to prevent further damage to the fields by the concert set up and activities and provide steps with clear criteria to restore the fields to quality playing condition after the concert. The Concert producer would be responsible for paying the consultant and for implementing recommendations after the concert. She also noted the need for a maintenance plan to maintain the fields after they are restored.
- CD to write a letter to share the committee's recommendation with the Town Administrator and Select Board.

2. Horsley Witten Task 3 Report

- CD screenshared the two plan alternatives from the Horsley Witten Task 3 report and the group discussed initial questions and concerns.
- CW noted that while the plans clearly addressed stormwater management, they did not provide much in the way of recreation recommendations.
- CD noted that Gerry Hokanson was going to schedule a presentation and discussion with Horsley Witten. She will invite the Water Resources Committee, Jay and Kirk to attend. In preparation for that meeting she suggested that committee members review the Horsley Witten Task 3 report and read the assessment and questions that Gerry had emailed to the committee.

3. Tennis Update

- CD reported that Kirk was working with accounting to set up an account for tennis fees that would be directed to his park account. She also noted that we will not be able to set up the Wi-Fi and lock until July 1st when CPC funds become available. Given this we will need to open the courts using a key lock. We will

provide keys to all those who enroll in the membership program and then shift them to the online Court Reserve platform when the Wi-Fi is ready. During this period people will not be able to make reservations or play without membership.

- CD reported that she would be meeting with the Select Board on May 18 to share the costs and our funding proposal. With their approval, we will be able to start selling memberships.
- JB said that he would talk with David McNamara to arrange a time for Ray Tattersall to receive training on court maintenance.
- The group discussed outreach and marketing including -- a newspaper article, posting on the Town Website under News, emails to those signed up for town E-Alerts, emails to former clinic attendees, and a sign on the court.
- CD will talk to Kirk to have him order the lock and have electric line installed ahead of July 1st.

4. Next Meeting - Date and Agenda Items

- The next meeting will be on June 5th.
- Agenda items suggested for the next meeting were 1) Update on Veterans Park, 2) Old Holmes Hole Rd. bike route 3) Tennis Program update, and 4) Web design.

Adjourn Meeting

CW moved, JB seconded, approved 3-0. Meeting ended 11:58 am.

Next Committee meeting will be Monday, June 5, 2023, 10:30am, by Zoom.

Submitted by Cheryl Doble