

## Open Space and Recreation Committee

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

### Meeting Minutes

**Date:** August 17, 2023

**Meeting called to order:** 3:33pm

**Place:** Tisbury Town Hall Annex

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

#### 1. Approval of Minutes

- July 26: CW moved, GH seconded. Approved 4-0.

#### 2. Tennis Update

- CD reported that she and JB met with Kirk to review progress at Church Street. The electricity has been connected to the new shed, Wi-Fi is next. Until now, electricity had not been connected to the sprinkler system for the court; it is now connected. Kirk committed to getting the gate lock up and running.
- Tennis clinic turnout has been good. Some persons are participating without membership/keys; this still needs to be policed.
- The Town took over CourtReserve, but the Town account has not been able to reliably manage payments. Unfortunately, this has defaulted back to JB.
- Court maintenance (rolling) has not worked out well due to Ray's other workload obligations; rolling is being done but not frequently enough. The original intent was for court income to cover maintenance expenses, but this has not yet happened, in part due to the decision to keep pickleball free.

#### 3. Veterans Park Field Maintenance

- Ian Lacy (Tom Irwin Advisors, Inc.) came to assess the field (pre-concert). Cheryl will distribute the report to Committee members. Compaction, hardness, and infiltration are all off from desired values.
- CD reported that, according to Kirk, the plan for Adam Epstein to provide \$35,000 to the Town for field maintenance and rehabilitation fell through, Adam now plans to manage field maintenance himself. CD will strive to keep Ian Lacy in the loop. It's presently not clear if Adam has a maintenance plan, if he will stick with Ian's recommendations and specifications, or alternatively develop his own process.
- CD mentioned that Nancy Gilfoy and the Finance Committee are interested in working with Kirk and the OSR Committee to explore how the Town manages the rental of park facilities.

#### 4. Open Space and Recreation Committee Website

- GH reported that proposals had been received from Dan Martino (Martha's Vineyard Productions, \$8,500) and Katie Costello (KJoy Designs, \$6,500). In addition to these contract costs, the Town will be

responsible for the annual web hosting fee (approx \$280/year) and web domain fee (approx \$20/year). At the CPC discussion last October Kirk had agreed to cover these costs.

- Both proposals utilize the Squarespace website builder, so the output should be comparable. The key difference is expected to be Dan's local knowledge and his apparent willingness to assemble some information on his own. It appears that the Committee would need to be more hands-on working with Katie.
- The Committee agreed that, all other aspects being equal (e.g., website appearance and organization), there was a benefit in working with Dan. Before making a final decision, the Committee (preferably with Kirk present) would like to meet with him to discuss any questions or concerns. This meeting is tentatively planned for September 14. (Post-Meeting note: GH confirmed with Dan that he is available at 3:45 on the 14th.)

## **5. Subcommittee Updates**

- CW noted that the Playground Subcommittee would be meeting on August 18.
- CD noted that the Bike Subcommittee would be meeting on August 28.

## **6. Potential CPC Projects**

- Several potential projects were identified. Not all would be the responsibility of the OSR Committee:
  - ✓ New fence at the Lake Street courts
  - ✓ Dinghy Dock at Lake Street (Waterways Committee?)
  - ✓ Water access and amenities at the bottom of Cronig Street (Lagoon Pond access; suggested by Nancy Weaver)
  - ✓ Stairs or improved water access and amenities at the beach off the end of Lagoon Pond Road at the Lagoon.
  - ✓ Pier at Eastville Beach (suggested by John Best)
  - ✓ Park equipment and amenities (benches, tennis court maintenance equipment, etc.)

## **7. Next Meeting Agenda - Thursday, September 14, 3:45 - 5pm (Town Hall Annex)**

- The Committee agreed to meet in person on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays as previously agreed. The start time was adjusted to 3:45 to accommodate a 3 pm CW meeting conflict. For September, the first meeting will be 9/14. We will then meet again the following week (9/21).
- Suggested agenda topics include a discussion with and updates from Kirk, and a discussion with Dan Martino regarding the website design.

## **Adjourn Meeting**

GH moved, CW seconded, approved 4-0. Meeting ended 5:05pm.

Submitted by Gerard Hokanson