

Open Space and Recreation Committee

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

Meeting Minutes

Date: December 15, 2020

Meeting called to order: 8:35

Place: This was a virtual meeting, in accordance with orders issued by the Governor during the current state of emergency. There is no in person attendance by the public, but persons may access this zoom meeting.

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Meeting ID: 954 3801 8787 Passcode: 048322

Attendance: Committee –C. Doble, G Hokanson, C. Wallis, H. Stephenson, D. Welch

Discussion

1. Updates

- C. Doble told the committee that K. Metell had not received a cost estimate for the Moskow Bandstand. She said that B. Robinson spoke with A. Flake who did not provide an estimate but said he thought that construction of the Moskow design would be more than \$150,000. C. Doble said that she and B. Robinson will schedule a call with K. Moskow to discuss costs and possible design revisions that might reduce the cost.
- G. Hokanson reported that he is continuing to work with Arc GIS and focusing on a few of the of the less controversial pedestrian trails. He explained that the state DEP does have a review process that is required for any activity on a landfill. G. Hokanson will review the Land Bank MOU with B. Veno and report back to the committee.

2. Wayfinding

- C. Doble presented an overview of the Town Wayfinding project. She explained that the Vineyard Haven Harbor Cultural District (VHHCD) initiated the project to help visitors find their way to the various sites and resources in the Cultural District. She referred to the study completed by S. Zablony that she had sent to them and reported that the town now has funding to begin final design of the elements and implementation. One of the Select persons has requested that our committee work with the Cultural District on the design and implementation. C. Doble asked the committee how they felt about the committee's involvement in this project. Both H. Stephenson and C. Wallis thought that it would be good to be involved and that we would want our trail signs to relate graphically. H. Stephenson emphasized the importance of signage to our trail system and noted that the lack of signs and marker is a problem. He

referenced the dog park as an example of this problem. G. Hokanson thought that we should monitor the Cultural District's work on this project.

3. Town Council

- C. Doble reported that she sent our questions -- the steps to protect the Tashmoo park, use private streets, and review of the Land Bank MOU -- to Town Council and that she requested a response by early January.

3. Park assessment

- G. Hokanson thought that the forms combining the park assessments by the Committee and the assessments from the community survey was very helpful. He asked how we would set priorities. C. Wallis reviewed next steps and mentioned that we still have more work to do analyzing the survey. We have looked at specific recommendations for individual parks, but we need to understand some of the larger themes that come from the survey. She felt that this understanding will help us set priorities. She and C. Doble will work on additional survey analysis for the next meeting.
- C. Wallis noted that there are items, picnic tables, benches, bike racks, etc. that were desired at multiple parks. She also mentioned that we will need to develop conceptual master plans for several of the parks to be able to establish realistic short and long-term plans, cost estimates and funding strategies
- C. Doble reminded the committee that there are still several parks that we still need to visit to complete our assessments.

4. Bench donations

- C. Wallis reported that we have a donor who would like to contribute a bench at the Church Street Tennis Court when it is rebuilt. This calls into question what type of bench, picnic tables, etc. we would like to have in the parks. K. Metell thought that it would be fine to have benches in the parks that are different from those on Main Street. He also said that we have several vinyl picnic tables left from the concert.
- C. Wallis wondered if the high school students build things like this. K. Metell said that they did when he was teaching there. C. Doble suggested reaching out to the school. C. Wallis asked about materials and construction plans. K. Metell said that if this gets traction at the school and has a style that we like, the kids in the drafting class might be able to draw up the plans. He noted that we would want to get a commitment from the school. C. Wallis wondered if they might also be able to help build a pavilion near the Tashmoo Building.
- C. Wallis and H. Stephenson volunteered to gather some bench examples ahead of the next meeting. D. Welch volunteered to send a link to architectural bench designs.

5. Outreach

- C. Doble mentioned that our lack of community outreach showed up in some of the survey responses and suggested that we should be doing more to let the community know more about the committee and our work. H. Stephenson asked if we have a page on the Town Website. C. Doble confirmed that we do have a page that contains our mission statement and the names of the committee members. G. Hokanson asked if the town set a standard for the webpage. He felt that our page starts off with a regulatory tone. He wondered if we might communicate in a different

way. C. Wallis suggested adding photos of trails and parks. C. Doble mentioned that P. Street had sent suggestions of different approaches to consider as we develop our outreach.

6. Agenda items for the December 1 meeting

- Next steps in Park Assessment
- Survey analysis
- Benches
- Outreach

G. Hokanson move to adjourn the meeting at 10:18. C. Wallis seconded the motion, which passed 4-0.

Submitted by C. Doble