

Open Space and Recreation Committee

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

Meeting Minutes

Date: August 18, 2020

Time: 8:30

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.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/93880965680>

Meeting ID: 938 8096 5680

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

Historic Commission: J. Bacheller

Meeting called to order: 8:34 am

Minutes: The committee unanimously approved the Meeting Minutes of August 4, 2020

Discussion

Center/Church Street Tennis Courts

1. Update

C. Wallis reported that she has been meeting with the smaller group to finalize a report on the Church Street Tennis Court Park and plans to have the report ready for committee review and discussion at our September meeting. They have been reviewing several options for the site -- development of parking, continued tennis, and a different type of park or green space. They have looked at the different programs, considering both benefits and costs. They have also explored various ways to fund the continued tennis option. J. Bacheller explained that they have been looking at different ways to manage fees and access if tennis were to remain the primary use.

G Hokanson felt that the recommendation presented to the Select Board should be made by the Open Space and Recreation Committee and he asked how the committee will go about making that decision. C. Wallis explained that the smaller group will provide criteria that the committee can use to discuss the various options and come to a recommendation.

Survey

C. Doble noted that there had been some questions and edits suggested for the draft that was posted on the Google site. She suggested that the committee go through the survey to discuss edits and make changes. The following questions were discussed, and edits made.

Question 1 Make corrections to the age groupings making the following changes

<15, 51-60, and 60>

Question 2. After discussion, the question of gender was removed.

Question 4. Will people be able to identify the different neighborhoods? C. Doble said that she is not aware of designated or defined neighborhoods and suggested adding a simple diagram that illustrated the neighborhoods to assist answering this question. D. Welch will ask Lucy if a map can be added easily.

Question 5. There was a question as to the completeness of this list of town parks. Are there other parks that should be included such as Grove Street, Lagoon landing Park, etc.? C. Doble will ask Kirk what properties the DPW currently maintains and create a list of those properties. She suggested making a second list of Town properties that have recreation value.

Question 6. C. Wallis noted that this question indicated the distance that people are from the parks that they visit most frequently and might replace the need for question 4. G. Hokanson felt that it was still important to know where they live a recommended keeping question 4.

Question 7. H. Stephenson noted that how people get to the parks could depend on what they were doing and if they had kids, in which case, they might need a car for transport. After discussion, the question remained the same.

Question 8. Several of the response options were edited for greater clarification.

Question 9. Add the list of parks and ask for conditions of each – Excellent, Good, could be improved.

Question 11. There were edits to clarify new activities.

D Welch suggested checking with L. Morrison to see if we could use popup questions, where one answer raised a second question. He will check with L. Morrison to see if this is possible.

Walking Trails – next steps

C. Doble reported that the Planning Board had invited G. Hokanson to meet with them on August 26th to share a summary of the work done to walk existing trails and identify opportunities to address current gaps in these trails so that the town could create a connected trail network. The Planning Board is currently working on an area Plan for the B2 district and is very interested in better understanding the potential of these trails to connect surrounding neighborhoods to the B2 district.

G. Hokanson has been looking into ways that we might provide better directional signage along town trails and shared examples of various signs for consideration.

Park visits

C. Doble reported that she, G Hokanson, C. Wallis and H. Stephenson had visited Lake Street and Owen Parks. She will be posting their from these visits on the Google site. An email will be sent out regarding the scheduling of the next visits.

Next Meeting Agenda

September 1, 2020 at 8:30

Report from Center Street Tennis Courts Committee

Review survey draft and finalize

Discuss potential CPC projects

Continue scheduling next park visits

Meeting was adjourned at 9:58 AM

Submitted by Cheryl Doble