

# Open Space and Recreation Committee

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

## Meeting Minutes

**Date:** October 20, 2020

**Meeting called to order:** 8:36

**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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**Attendance:** Committee –C. Doble, G Hokanson, H. Stephenson, C. Wallis,  
Public - Pamela Street

**Minutes** September 1 and September 15, 2020 minutes were approved

### Discussion

#### 1. Owen Park Update

- C. Doble reported that following B. Robinson's meeting with the committee, she had scheduled a meeting to talk with K. Metell and M. Maciel about acquiring cost estimates for the Bandstand and bidding the work for the upper terrace. C. Wallis said that it was her understanding that B. Robinson would list the repairs necessary and that K. Metell would handle the cost estimates. C. Doble agreed.
- C. Doble reported that B. Robinson felt the concept plans were sufficient for the cost estimate. He would like to explore some changes to the Moskow design and is primarily interested in reducing the number of the posts. C. Wallis felt that it was important to understand the different roof options. She felt that people got caught up in the look of the roof during the public presentations and that it would be helpful to see perspectives of the bandstand with the different roof options (Copper and wood shingles). H. Stephenson suggested that a standing seam roof would be another option to consider.

#### 2. Survey

- C. Doble noted that the general survey summary had been distributed to the members. L. Morrison can provide more detailed analysis in the next week or two. G. Hokanson was not surprised by the results. He noted that two or three parks are heavily used but that many of the parks aren't used much. He thought that it would be helpful to understand where people lived in relationship to the parks that they frequent. He noted the desire for pickle ball courts and comments that suggested the committee was working secretly. C. Wallis noted that the majority of respondents were over 60.

She thought that it would be helpful to sort by age. She also mentioned the comments about maintenance and thought that it would be helpful to study those comments, park by park. H. Stephenson talked about the value of street ends and that it might be possible to develop a set of improvements that could be applied to all of them. C. Doble mentioned that we should have included Beach Street Extension in that list. C. Doble will follow up with L. Morrison to request information on -- Age and activities, home location and parks frequented, conditions and maintenance issues listed for each park.

- C. Wallis asked about the Tisbury School and C. Doble said that the PTO was raising funds for improvements at the school. She offered to invite Siobhan Mullin to one of our meetings to discuss their plans and timeline for making improvements. H. Stephenson mentioned the potential of the leach field area behind the Emergency Services building. It is too small for field games but might be a possible location for court games. He was not sure what we could do on a leach field and offered to look into it. G. Hokanson did not think that the impermeable surface was a problem but wondered about compaction during construction.

### 3 Year One Plan

- After reviewing the plans of the first year, G. Hokanson was struck by the fact that we have not touched 50% of the actions listed under Goal 1. He mentioned that we have not dealt with maintenance needs and a budget, or outreach through the newspapers. He wondered if we were off track and missing key issues. He thought that it would be good to have a meeting devoted to going through the year one actions bullet by bullet. C. Wallis noted that many actions build on each other, she thought that it was important to look at the actions to be sure that our current work leads and prepares us for the next steps.
- H. Stephenson suggested forming a Friends Group to help with some of the work. G. Hokanson felt that a friends group would require work on behalf of the committee to manage the Friends Group. He felt that we should drill down into the survey to identify specific tasks first. Both G. Hokanson and C. Wallis agreed that we should look at all of the goals and their related activities and then set a program for the rest of the year.

### 4. Trail Updates

- G. Hokanson reported that he would be meeting with Kristin Geagan, Director of Stewardship at SMF who is guiding the Sherriff's Meadow's work on the all island trails, the Tisbury representatives working with her and Nancy Tutko, SMF lead for the Trails MV App. He will be sharing our work, hearing about theirs and discuss how we might work together.
- He received a map and a two page draft of an MOU from B. Veno, which he email to the committee members. If the town agrees to the MOU, the Land Bank will take responsibility for developing and maintaining the trails on the map.
- G. Hokanson reported on his walk with M. Valley and C. Cassidy along the trails behind the DPW and Park and ride and in the Tashmoo area. M. Valley was not sure what the Commonwealth's regulations are on activities that can occur on a capped land fill and she offered to look into that. They looked at walking along the water line from the well to the tank rather than going through the leach field. C. Cassidy felt that a trail through the water department property at Tashmoo was probably ok if the trails could be laid out so that people would not see the building. C. Cassidy was concerned about people wandering off the trails, M. Valley's was concern about dogs. Neither M.

Valley or C. Cassidy had objections to our plans for trails; however, they would prefer not to publicize the trails.

- C. Wallis noted the importance of trail makers and felt that if they were kept tight enough in their spacing that people would stay on the trail. C. Doble felt that we could fine research on trail design that would address strategies for keeping people on trails and screening areas where we don't want people to go.
  - C. Doble was encouraged by G. Hokanson's walk with M. Valley and C. Cassidy and optimistic about a possible MOU with the Land Bank.
  - H. Stephenson suggested that we might look at a dog friendly trail loop extending from the dog park.
  - G. Hokanson mentioned walking with from the Park and Ride to the Wakeman Center. He was trying to walk in a loop and on the return trip ended up walking along State Road, which he described as an unpleasant experience due to the speed and proximity of the cars. H. Stephenson mentioned the plans for the Tashmoo overlook which includes a side walk. C. Doble noted that the proposed sidewalk at the overlook ends at the property line. C. Wallis noted that Sherriff's Meadow is interested in establishing trails to the Wakeman Center. C. Doble mentioned that road crossing would be necessary to create safe connections to trails on both sides of the road and that we would need to work with the State DOT to accomplish this.
5. Agenda items for the next meeting during the first week in November
- Updates
  - Discuss process for survey review and analysis
  - Review the year one actions in the Open Space and Recreation plan.

Henry Stephenson moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:00, C. Doble seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

Submitted by C. Doble