

Open Space and Recreation Committee

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

Meeting Minutes

Date: October 6, 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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Meeting ID: 922 6232 0135

Attendance: Committee – C. Doble, G Hokanson, H. Stephenson, C. Wallis,
Guests – Ben Robinson,
Public - Melinda Loberg, Larry Gomez and Pamela Street

Minutes September 1 and September 15, 2020 minutes were approved

Discussion

1. Survey update
 - C. Doble reported that a notice about the survey had been posted with both papers and that the survey link had been sent out through a variety of email list serves. To date there had been 243 responses. She asked how long the committee wanted the survey to remain open. The committee felt that extending it to October 19th (the day before our next meeting) would be good.
2. CPC Applications
 - C. Doble thanked Carolyn Wallis for her work on the eligibility applications and reported that the three applications submitted by the DPW for the Church Street Courts and parking lot and the multi-use courts at Lake Street were all approved to go forward to the final application.
3. Owen Park
 - B. Robinson joined the meeting to share the work initiated at Owen Park over the years and to provide details of the current bandstand project. He provided the following report.
 - The park is heavily used by different users and while this could present problems, it has worked pretty well. While it works best when users figure this out themselves, there are opportunities to better organize the park.

- The Master Planning process identified a set of 7 guidelines to consider when changes occur at the park. He mentioned the possibility of shifting the parking when the road needs to be improved and of moving the Harbormaster's building in the future.
- Plans for redoing the upper terrace to create a safe ADA entrance to the park from Main Street, an ADA seating area and a transition into the park is ready to go out to bid. While funding is available for the site work, it may be necessary to raise additional funds in the Spring for planting.
- The current bandstand needs repair. The posts have rotted, the roof needs repair (new plywood and shingles), the trim is gone, there is no ADA access, and the railing is not ADA compliant.
- The Master Plan looked at different locations for the Bandstand including shifting it to the lower area of the park near the beach. However, after consideration, there are a lot of reasons to keep in its current location. The Planning Board outlined the deficiencies of the current structure, the need for ADA access and repair of the roof and asked architects and designers to reimagine the roof structure and propose designs for renovating the structure. Ten architects and designers submitted designs. Following a public presentation of the designs and ranked voting, the Planning Board interviewed the top 2 vote getters and selected the designer that seemed most advantageous to move forward with the project. After being selected, Keith Moskow made refinements to his design based on comments from a public meeting and the Planning Board. He explored changes to the stairs stepping down from the bandstand on the water side, reduced the size of the posts and explored various sheathing choices for the roof.
- There are still refinements that Keith could make and some funds left in the CPC funding to complete this work.
- The next step would be to look at the cost to repair the existing structure and the cost of the Keith Moskow design so that this information could be included in the decision-making process to decide how to move forward.
- Since March, B. Robinson has maintained communication with Keith. C. Doble asked if he would be willing to continue to communicate with Keith on behalf of the Open Space and Recreation Committee. He agreed to do this.
- Committee members had a number of questions including:
 - Is the design posted somewhere so that the public can continue to provide feedback?
 - How do we engage the conversation about new construction versus renovation?
- C. Doble mentioned tht it was posted at the library for a while, but it is not currently posted anywhere. B. Robinson noted that he never got to pricing Keith's design but that he did start to identify the repair work to the existing structure that will need to be completed. He also said that we will need to consider the longevity of the repair work. If people feel that it is a precious structure, we may just want to keep repairing it rather than replace it with a new structure.
- G. Hokanson asked what the process would be to get the two cost estimates.
- B. Robinson replied that Keith could finish his refinements and then the DPW could request cost estimates for the two options – the Moskow new construction and repair of the existing structure. It is a small project, and he thought it should not be difficult to get the cost estimates.

- G. Hokanson asked who would make the decision on which to select. B. Robinson thought that there should be a public forum, after which the Open Space and Recreation Committee would make a recommendation to the Select Board and they would make the final decision.
- G. Hokanson asked about the needs of the Band. C. Doble reported that she met with band director Julie Shilling to get her feedback, which was shared with Keith Moskow. By keeping the original concrete base, we can't enlarge the space under the roof, but we can respond to other band needs. B. Robinson noted that the Oak Bluffs' bandstand is even smaller, and the band plays there.
- H. Stephenson noted the value of the step seating on the harbor side of the Moskow proposal and the possibility of viewing events and movies below from the bandstand steps.
- C. Wallis would like to see two illustrations looking from MainStreet showing both the Moskow design and the existing bandstand with the upper terrace improvements. B. Robinson said that Keith had created photo perspectives from Main Street of the current structure and his design. B. Robinson noted that he did not want to use up a lot of money on drawings. He is not confident that \$150,000 will be enough to complete the work necessary to construct the project.
- B. Robinson mentioned that one of the reasons the Planning Board chose Keith was that when he worked on a project at Logan Airport, he was able to work around the bid process. B. Robinson thought that the town could learn from this.
- G. Hokanson asked what it would take to get this going. B. Robinson suggested that we re-engage Keith Moskow to make any final refinements and that we complete a spec sheet to list the necessary repairs. The DPW could find a contractor to prepare cost estimates for both.
- C. Doble thought that there could be a Zoom meeting with Keith Moskow to discuss next steps and the timing. She suggested tht we schedule the meeting for a time that Kirk could attend. She will reach out to Kirk, and then suggest a couple of dates that Ben can share with Keith. G. Hokanson suggested that we change the day or time of our meeting if that would be easier for Kirk.
- B. Robinson said that he would work on completing the spec sheet for the repair work and share that with Kirk.
- G. Hokanson said that he would like a report on the progress of the upper terrace from Kirk. C. Wallis said that we should be looking at both projects together so that we are coordinating utilities. We don't want to do something during the terrace project construction that we then need to undo when we work on the bandstand.

3. Trail Updates

- G. Hokanson reported on his latest thoughts and conversations regarding trail opportunities. He has been in touch with Kristin Geagan at Sherriff's Meadows. She is working on connecting island wide trails and is working with trail champions Tom Robinson and Liz Packer on Tisbury trails. Nancy Tutko at Sheriff's Meadow has been asked to evaluate incorporating town routes in the Trails MV app.
- G. Hokanson would like to talk with the water department and the Select Board to understand what can and can't happen on water department properties. Well head protection areas are in the center of a spider web of trails and he wonders if there is an opportunity to use this area to link some of these trails. Cheryl indicated that she would reach out to Maura Valley and Chris Cassidy to introduce the topic in preparation for G Hokanson's follow up.

- The Land Bank has been very busy lately and there has not been any follow up on the proposed realignment of the trail to the Sailor's Burying grounds.
- G. Hokanson continues to explore the DPW property and the potential for a trail up to the Park and Ride lot. There are drainage ways running down the hill from the Park and Ride lot and he thinks that a bridge may be needed to complete this path.

4. Park Visits

- Next visit would be to the road end parks – Lagoon Park, Owen's Little Way, Grove Street, Cronig Street. C. Doble to send around dates.

5. Next meeting Agenda

- Discuss next steps on the bandstand project
- Discuss process for survey review and analysis
- Review the year one actions in the Open Space and Recreation plan.

G. Hokanson moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:11, C. Wallis seconded the motion, which passed 4-0.

Submitted by C. Doble