

**WEST TISBURY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES NOVEMBER 5, 2008**

PRESENT: Rick Reinhardsen, Bruce Keep, Doug Bardwell, Bob Holt, Cheryl Lowe and Peggy Stone. Also present for part of the meeting; Skip Manter, Richard Knabel, Diane Powers, Chief Toomey, Officer Dan Rossi, Jen Rand, and Dick Mezger

Minutes from previous meeting were approved as submitted.

Skip began the meeting with an introduction from the Selectman. They are trying to get to all the Town Boards to say hello and see if there are anything to be discussed. The main focus is the parking issue along Lambert's Cove Rd across from the parking lot. Chief Toomey feels the real problem is the curve. Bruce asked if she is comfortable with the signs the way they are now; Joe had said there were no problems this summer. The Chief said no she doesn't feel it is safe whether there have been problems or not. She mentioned the 6 spots across the street where the staff parks could be used for parking. Rick said we would reduce staff parking there. Richard said that anything that reduces parking at the beach is a problem. He feels the parking attendant should be there helping people park. Chief Toomey said the attendant can be in the lot not on the street. The street is the responsibility of the police. She would also like the spots at Seth's painted again and to have no parking beyond the pond. She suggested getting new signs that are consistent. Richard said that older people in the community are angry about the staff parking area. He also asked about an emergency to get down to the beach. Beth said they have a plan in place and they do emergency drills coordinated with her staff and the summer beach staff. Skip requested that only one staff spot remain by the parking lot and the others can park up across from Cottles. Bruce said he had spoken with Joe about that this summer but Joe felt he needed to speak with the personnel board regarding extra time for them to walk from that area. The selectmen agreed that was not valid; many people have to walk a short distance to work. Skip said if we are going to make that area across the street a no parking zone, we need lead time to send it to the state for approval before we can put up signs. He also suggested making the walk-on pass free to encourage people to leave their cars home. People would still have to be on the list to prove they are owners or renter in West Tisbury. The Committee will consider more over the winter. Jen said the money for the tree removal at LCB should be put in a warrant article and not come out of the Park and Rec. budget.

Dick Mezger from the Capital Improvement Committee came to discuss any plans we may have that would be over \$10,000. The committee mentioned the playground which should be in the budget for the town Hall Renovation. The basketball court was removed in its entirety unbeknown to the Park and Rec. We would like to replace it possibly at the volleyball court at the school. Ultimately, we would like to see a Community Center in town. Dick will look into the playground budget and put the other things on the radar screen for down the road. He suggested we get estimates for the basketball court and maybe that could go on the Town Warrant.

The budget for fiscal year 2010 was discussed. No major changes were made; the committee tried to level fund where ever possible. Peggy will email final copy to the committee for review before forwarding to the Town Accountant.

In other business, the committee felt the Halloween Party was again a great success. There were approximately 200 people that came through. The personnel interview and job descriptions for Joe will be discussed at a later meeting. The committee wants a discussion with Joe about procedures etc. We will also address the ball field policy and tennis procedures at a later date.

The next meeting was set for Wed. Dec. 3, 2008 at 7pm

The meeting adjourned at 9:15pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Peggy Stone
Board Administrator