

WEST TISBURY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES OCTOBER 5, 2016

PRESENT: Cheryl Lowe, Hap Bernard, Suzanne Hammond, Skip Manter, Lisa Amols, Lisa Fischer, Paula Church, Larry Schubert, and Peggy Stone.

Lisa Fischer and Paula Church came from the dog volunteer group to discuss how things went this summer. They said there were not any problems but they asked if the town could help with the cost of the dog bags. It went up from 6000 used last year to 8000 this year. Skip said of course the town should pay for the bags. Paula said she will pick them up and distribute and store them. They asked if they could not have greeters before June and after Labor Day. Skip said we would have to amend the by law. Lisa asked if they could not just at shoulder season like the lifeguard schedule. Suzanne said it is two different issues; lifeguards and dogs. The committee will discuss whether to amend the by law.

Hap did mention we didn't have one complaint all season regarding the dogs! The committee thanked them for all their efforts in keeping the dog policy running smoothly.

Larry Schubert came in to give an update of the 565 Edgartown Road project behind Manter field. The Island Housing Trust has decided to call the units Scott's Grove. Susie Scott gave the land to the town years ago and this is a way to honor that gift. They are thinking of eliminating the circle at the complex to allow more parking at the units rather than walking from the ball field. They are concerned about keeping the barrier from the ballfield. Skip said there are more than 20 spaces at the ball field now. Larry said they want to improve the parking. Skip said an open vista is good. He felt taking out brush is fine, it would give more spots and be more like when he was a kid. We should show off the nice field that we maintain. Lisa Agreed. Suzanne said she would like to keep the brush; for safety and quiet. Skip said we would not want lines to mark the parking spots; it's misleading on the plan. Larry said they would put down hardener like on the road but it has to be engineered because of more traffic. Cheryl said the parking gets puddles and muddy when it rains. We would want to bring up the level. Larry said they want to maintain the rural feel of the field. However they are concerned about the safety of the road. Cheryl suggested some plantings to keep it private and concerned about runoff if it's not built up. Larry said they will try to keep it traditional field parking. Larry did say there is also concern about the access to the bike path. Manny wants to be

able to drive across the field and crash the gate if needed in an emergency. They are worried that others will do as well. Skip said the P&R job is to maintain the path along the ballfield. All agreed. Cheryl asked how many parking spots per unit. Larry said 2 per unit and there will be some general parking. Cheryl asked if they will pay to fix the parking if we tell them no about certain things. Larry said if we wrote a letter to the planning board, it would cover if something went wrong 5 years down the road. There is lighting by law; no lights on eaves of house or street lights etc. He said Derrill Bazy can email an updated version of the plan for our December meeting. He said to leave him on the agenda and if we want to cancel later we can.

In other business, plans for the Halloween Party were confirmed. Lisa suggested Hershey's kisses instead of candy corn for the guessing game. All agreed. The committee will meet on Sunday at 5pm to decorate the Ag Hall. Cheryl will not be there on Sunday.

Hap asked that Zak mow around the Mill Pond and Seth's again now that things have quieted down.

The Committee will meet after the Halloween Party at 8:30pm for the next meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peggy Stone
Board Administrator