

West Tisbury Parks and Recreation Committee

Minutes September 6, 2017

Present; Cheryl Lowe, Hap Bernard, Skip Manter, Lisa Amols, John Rau, Joe Schroeder and Peggy Stone.

Minutes from previous meeting were approved with corrections.

Community member John Rau, came to discuss the parking situation at Lambert's Cove Beach this summer. He said the parking was so crowded this year that people were parking all the way up the street as well as in Longview. He said because the parking attendants can't walk that far up the street to check stickers, consequently people didn't have stickers but just said they did as they walked in. His suggestion was to have a walk in pass as well as a car sticker, so if a car does park way up the street they must show a walk on pass to enter the beach. This will eliminate people that don't have stickers from parking on the street. He also suggested the police do more ticketing of cars that don't have stickers to as a deterrent. Cheryl said we could put up more signs up the street. Skip said that would be the Selectmen's jurisdiction; there are some parts of the road up there that cars can park. John said he has already been to the Selectmen's meeting and offered these suggestions. They in turn referred him to the Park and Rec. Committee. Skip said he likes the idea. Cheryl made a motion to accept this as new policy. Skip second the motion. All agreed. Hap said we need to be sure to get the information on the website. Joe said people might forget the walk on pass, he said we could put the new policy info. on the back of the walk on pass to remind people. He also suggests a plaquard to hang from the mirror for Inns passes so it is easier to distinguish. He also asked about Air B&B buying Inn passes. Skip didn't think the same rules should apply. The Air B&B should have same rules as resident passes. Cheryl said maybe it could be something they apply for ahead of time. The committee will draft the rules over the winter. Joe said the beach was busier than ever this year. Despite some rain the numbers continue to grow. He did receive a few comments about the boardwalk. Due to the shape of the dune and the wind it was a big drop off on one side as people continue to step off. The staff did their best to keep it swept but we might have to think of other options. The conservation Commission refuses to let us have a machine come lower the dune. The committee discussed manually lowering the dune before the boardwalk is installed next year. Hap said let's see what this winter brings. Skip said we can look at the budget in early spring and hire a landscape company to have some guys come with shovels. Joe also said there was a dog incident where a dog not on leash attacked another dog, however the owner took full responsibility and there were no complaints filed.

In other business, Hap suggested to have the dog volunteers come to the next meeting to check in. Skip said we will need more people for the cemetery this Halloween. He said the last year, some high school kids were supposed to come but never showed up. Suzanne was the contact with the high school, we'll ask her to follow up.

The next meeting was set for Wednesday Oct. 4, 2017 at 6pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:54pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Peggy Stone

Board Administrator

