

West Tisbury Parks and Recreation Committee

Minutes April 26, 2023

Present: Skip Manter, Lisa Amols, Dave Small, and Peggy Stone.

Absent: Hap Bernard, Matt Gebo

(approved 5/3/24 5-0)

Minutes from the Meeting on April 5, 2023 were approved as submitted.

The committee voted to keep John Rau on as the Parks and Recreation liaison to the CPC.

The CPC fund request for more money to rope handrail project at LCB was approved at town meeting.

Dave attended the Concom meeting on April 18, 2023. He said they would like to have a joint meeting to discuss the lowering of the dune at LCB. The permit has been granted in the past. He felt they sounded amenable. Lisa did research regarding the permit required from Concom. She said she couldn't find anything forbidding mechanical use on a dune. She said Laura Silber amended the article at town meeting to \$8000 from the \$30,000 that was requested. Lisa suggested hiring David Merry to go ahead and cut the dune as he has in the past. Skip said we would still need a permit from Concom. Dave said they use mechanical means at the Great Pond. Skip said we need to get on the Concom agenda. Lisa said she found information from the Mass. Wetland Protection Act that sounds beneficial to our needs. Skip said they won't call it landscaping. Dave said they didn't seem adversarial. He said he did some measuring and he thinks we would need to move approximately 40 cubic yards of sand. He said the EMT's said there was three incidents that they couldn't get down the beach due to the condition of the path. Peggy will talk to Tara to get on the Concom agenda. Dave said he will write a Sole Source Justification for the use of the bobcat at the path if necessary. He also got the dog bags and will set up the other waste station. He suggests moving the sign across the path so it is seen as people walk down the path. Skip suggested inviting EMT and Fire Chiefs to the Concom meeting to explain their concerns with adequate response and safety issues.

The committee agreed no meeting next week. The next P&R meeting will be May 31, 2023 at 6pm at the Howes House.

The meeting was adjourned at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Stone

Board Administrator