

West Tisbury Parks and Recreation Committee

Minutes August 4, 2021

(approved 9/1/21 5-0)

Present; Hap Bernard, Lisa Amols, Skip Manter, Matt Gebo, John Rau, Joe Schroeder, Dave Small, Barb Blakesly and Peggy Stone.

Minutes from previous meeting were approved as submitted.

Joe asked if the wood chips at the lot can be removed. They've had many splinters and thorns on feet as well as the beach wheel chair has a hard time on them. He said summer revenue as of July 26 is \$63,210 not including online sales. There have been over 9000 people at the beach during July. Staff is all brand new but have been doing a great job. People have been mostly reasonable. There have been some issues with people transferring their resident beach stickers. Skip said it is enforcement issue. We should contact the owner if they are abusing the policy their sticker is suspended. Joe said it is difficult on staff because the owner or Real Estate person gives them incorrect info. Skip said its owner responsibility to know policy. Matt said at Norton they mark your sticker with a sharpie if you have an infraction then if there is another offense you lose your sticker. Joe said that is a good idea. He has been making calls to owners to inform them of policy. Matt asked about removing the sign across from Cottles, that would give a few more spaces. Skip agreed the signs should go. He added we need to more careful about due process with the sticker situation. The Trustees don't tow cars. Joe said they also sign the beach application which has the rules. Joe said there have been some issues with dog people not leaving the lot by 10am. He called the police but Connor said he wouldn't write a ticket because it is not posted in the lot. John asked if it is posted and Joe said yes. Joe said the signs on the street say different times we need to get them consistent. Hap said we should make a laundry list for Richie. He also would like to commend the summer staff for doing a great job. Skip made a motion to remove parking signs. Hap second. All agreed.

Joe said the boardwalk is very steep they have put in textured strips to diminish slipping but it is still dangerously steep.

Barb Blakesly came to discuss the use of Lambert's Cove at night. She said it has become a frat party, with drinking and fires and garbage etc. Skip asked don't we have people on the beach at night? Joe said only in the lot. He is not in favor of staff on the beach at night. Barb said when trash is left dogs could eat it or people trip over old fires. Lisa said if people are breaking rules it is a police issue. Dave said the rules are posted. Joe agreed it is posted but if we had staff at night they would need to be supervised and he can't be everywhere. John asked if it is possible to have an officer at the beach occasionally? Skip said they do go down on a random basis. Matt asked if we could budget for a person from 5-9pm. Peggy suggested we discuss more over the winter. She doesn't think a staff person going up to group of 20 college kids would work out so well. Lisa agreed, more discussion on this is needed.

In other business, Matt asked about having some extra brush cutting done along the outfield fence at Manter to remove over growth and poison ivy etc. Hap agreed this is needed. Peggy will meet with Matt to look at the specifics. Skip commented there was no fence when he was growing up! Hap asked about the school field trimming. It has already been done but the infield weeds grew back quickly.

The next meeting was set for Sept. 1, 6pm. Peggy will find a space to accommodate enough people as the Land Bank is on the agenda.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Peggy Stone
Board Administrator