

## **West Tisbury Parks and Recreation Committee**

### **Minutes March 2, 2022**

*(approved 4/6/22 5-0)*

**Present;** Hap Bernard, Skip Manter, Lisa Amols, John Rau, Matt Gebo, Tony Cordray, Randy Fauteaux, and Peggy Stone.

Minutes from the meeting on February 2, 2022 were approved as submitted.

The ACO, Tony Cordray came to request the committee adopt a leash law for the playground at the town hall. He has gotten several complaints about unruly dogs and dogs jumping on kids etc. John said he thought there already was a leash law in town. Tony said no, it's a "have your dog under voice control" law, which doesn't really do anything. He would like to put up signs so he would have something to refer to when he is called about an incident. Lisa asked about specific complaints. He said, dogs in the parking lot, scaring kids on the playground, just acting overall badly. Lisa said if he can't enforce it why have a policy. He said the control law is vague, if he had a sign that referred to the policy he feels people would comply easier. Skip said we can set a policy. Hap said he agrees; if they don't comply we could ban dogs from playground. Skip made a motion to have dogs on leash on Town Hall property with a fine of \$50 for offenders. John second. Skip said it can be on trial basis, we can adjust with recommendations from the ACO. Lisa suggested saying "due to problems in the past" explain to the public the situation. Hap said a concise sign is better, people tend not to read if it is too wordy. Skip said we can add info. to the website. The committee voted to adopt the leash law at town hall property.

Randy Fauteaux came to answer any lingering questions regarding the girls' basketball league this summer. Skip asked for clarification, is this a P&R program? Randy said yes, he is just the administrator. Skip asked if he is taking any compensation, he said no. He will be getting donations from businesses to help offset the cost of the program. Skip said municipal government doesn't work that easily; we should check with Bruce Stone the town accountant regarding protocols. Peggy did speak with Jen, she said the P&R needs to vote to accept the donations then it can be added to our budget line item. Skip also thought the \$150 registration fee is too high. Randy said he did some comparisons with other leagues and this is in line. Skip would like to see no fee. Matt said there are some costs to run the league; refs, ads, uniforms, equipment. Randy said he is getting donations for uniforms but a fee is standard for these things. Peggy said from past experience with other P&R programs that a fee is needed for consistency, and accountability. It isn't fair to the other participants to have no one show up or just a few etc. Lisa said having a daughter go through sports programs; the \$150 is not unreasonable. John said he doesn't have experience in girls' sports but it does sound high to him. Skip said maybe discount it for WT residents. He also asked why only a girl's league. Randy said there is a boy's league in OB. Skip just wanted to be fair to both groups. Matt agrees some fee is needed. It gives the kids ownership to the program. He suggested \$100 fee and we can reevaluate next year. John second. Hap, Lisa, Matt, John voted yay. Skip voted nay.

John asked if we will meet in person for our next meeting. Skip said not meeting in person is better for our carbon footprint. John said after the next meeting we should consider meeting in person again. Skip

said when the State of Emergency expires then mandatory zoom meetings will expire. Hap asked when that is. Skip said he thinks in April. Hap said our next meeting will be zoom and then we can evaluate for the future. Skip asked about staff for Joe's job. Peggy said nothing yet Skip said to add the salary range to the add rather than just staring pay. That may entice others.

Hap said Matt Merry approached him about pulling sand from an existing job he's doing and putting it at Seth's pond. He said they used to do that back in the day when they cut the dune at Lambert's Cove. Skip said we would need to speak to Concom about that. Peggy will talk to Maria.

The next meeting was set for April 6, 2022 at 6pm via zoom.

The meeting was adjourned at 7pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peggy Stone  
Board Administrator