

West Tisbury Parks and Recreation Committee

Minutes September 1, 2021

*(approved 10/5/21 5-0)*

Present; Skip Manter, Lisa Amols, Matt Gebo, John Rau, Joe Schroeder, James Lengyel, Harrison Kisiel, and Julie Russell, and Peggy Stone.

Minutes from previous meeting were approved as submitted.

Joe Schroeder gave a report on the overview of summer. He said beach sticker sales were insane this year. We had to reorder twice for more stickers. We sold approximately 1600 stickers. He said guards will be finishing on Friday, chairs and buoys will be out in the next few days. He said the staff did great under the circumstances. We were under staffed with guards. The new configuration in the lot seemed to work well. People are getting used to it. He would like to see the woodchips replaced in the lot; they are a hazard as the staff is frequently in bare feet. Peggy said Richie was supposed to have addressed that. She will follow up with him. He said the dog scene went well for the most part. He asked if we could change the bylaw to have people off the beach by 9:30am so they could be out of the lot by 10. He said LCB was super busy all day as well as night. He said the boardwalk remains an issue. It is still very steep, they sweep regularly but it is still dangerous. He requests a couple more of the turn pieces to keep it from breaking apart. They put non slip strips on the end to help with slipping. He said they had some reports of jelly fish and man of war in the last week but nothing too bad. He would like to meet with the personnel board over the winter to adjust the pay scale for summer staff. He spoke with Kathy about putting an information sheet in the tax bills to let every person know the rules and procedures about the beach.

James Lengyel, Executive Director from the Land Bank came to discuss their plans for The James Pond Preserve that is adjacent to LCB. He said they are planning trails walking and access to the beach. They are envisioning a car lot for approximately 20 cars. John asked if there will be a reservation system. James said yes and there will be a cap on people. They are not sure yet but somewhere around 75 people. John asked about private beach vs public beach. James said for their purposes they see LCB as public.