



Park & Recreation Committees

Meeting Minutes

Friday, February 9, 2024 at 3:02 PM at Chilmark Town Hall Select Board Meeting Room

Present: Julianna Flanders (Chair), Tim Carroll, Andrew Goldman, Jane Slater, Carolyn Stoeber (staff)

Absent: Jim Malkin

Others: Barbara Armstrong, Steve Broderick (Harbor Advisory Committee), John Larsen, Jeff Maida (HAC)

The meeting was called to order at 3:02 pm by Julianna Flanders.

Parking in Menemsha - 6A is fully utilizing the lot and there will be no extra space for parking. There may be parking on Lot 7A this season. Long-term parking solutions for Menemsha will be discussed at a future meeting. The Harbormaster will be proposing 15 minute parking spaces at the next meeting. Currently there are ten 30 minute parking spaces.

Action: A motion was made, and seconded, to support changing half the 30-minute parking spaces to 15-minute parking spaces. The recommendation passed with one nay vote (Tim Carroll).

The proposed new Comfort Station storage shed was discussed, but there was not enough information to make a decision. The committee had questions:

- Is it only there for the summer? Removable?
- What will it store?
- If the electric car is there to move items, what is the purpose of storing items?
- Is the storage shed at the Harbormaster's office staying or going away?

The application to the Conservation Commission for the shed was available for review; however, it had not been reviewed by CONCOM. The Select Board directed the project to be reviewed and approved by the Harbor Advisory and Park & Rec committees as well as the Conservation Commission before returning to the Select Board for approval before getting

approval from the Building Inspector. The Harbormaster was not present, so the proposal was tabled until the next meeting so the Harbormaster could attend.

MV Fisherman's Preservation Trust (MVFPT) request for a bait freezer is a request to put a freezer on the neighbor's lot. John Larsen was present at the MV Fisherman's Preservation Trust meeting and had suggested that the group go to the Park & Rec committee with the request. Barbara Armstrong remembers Wes Brighton's freezer was offered up to allow fisherman to use. She does not often hear it running.

Questions by the committee:

- Would the freezer be removed off season?
- Can the freezer already on the bulkhead be utilized?
- If the current freezer is not a good location, can it be moved?
- Are multiple freezers needed?
- Who is the freezer for? for conch fisherman and draggers? for charters?
- Can it be located at the dump? There is no 3-phase power at the dump.
- Can make the freezer be made to look more visually appealing?

The committee cannot give permission for something on someone else's lot. Matt Mayhew has already asked permission for an electrical connection for equipment and his boat. Is this an additional request? The committee is in support of anything that encourages the fisheries. If a bait freezer is needed, the committee is not against it, but would require more information.

The chair will reach out to MVFPT and let them know that while it did raise some concerns in terms of size relative to the size of the lot, we are not opposed to it. The Committee wonders about having duplicate freezers, including the one on Wes' lot, and whether there is a possibility of integration of function. While the committee looks with approval on the idea of making life easier and better for the commercial fishing in Menemsha, clarification is needed and the lease holder would need to make the request. MVFPT will be encouraged to return to Park & Rec with a more comprehensive plan, proposed to the committee by the lessee.

An update on the lease information collected to date was discussed. All the payments and signed leases have been received. Julie will help follow up with missing insurance information and catch reports. The members of the committee signed the leases and they will be sent to the Select Board to sign.

There was a brief discussion of the history of the fees for the lease lots and the committee supported the chair in keeping the current fee structure in place.

Action: A motion was made, and seconded, to renew the leases. The motion passed with one abstention (Tim Carroll).

Julie and Carolyn are still in the process of researching Park & Rec files from the 1980s to current.

The letter to the VTA in support of the VTA extending their schedule to accommodate the workers in Menemsha to be able to park at the Town Lot was discussed.

Action: A motion was made, and seconded, to include in the letter asking for VTA's help in finding ways to incentivize use, such as having employees ride free like park & ride patrons. The motion passed unanimously.

Action: A motion was made, and seconded, to approve the minutes from January 12, 2024. The motion passed with one abstention (Tim Carroll).

The annual report was discussed and amended for inclusion in the Town Report. If any black and white pictures are available, they can be submitted to Tim.

Action: A motion was made, and seconded, to approve the annual report as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

The invoice for the parking stickers was discussed. In the future, ordering of the stickers will be reviewed for efficiency.

Action: A motion was made, and seconded, to split the cost of the parking stickers with the harbor department. The motion passed with one abstention (Tim Carroll).

Visioning will be happen at the March meeting so that our new mission statement can be forwarded to the Planning Board for the Masterplan.

Next Meeting: March 15, 2024 at 3pm

The meeting adjourned at 4:08 pm.

Documents reviewed:

- Memo to the Select Board to sign the Menemsha Bulkhead Lot Leases
- Letter from the MV Fishermen's Preservation Trust about a shared bait freezer
- Draft letter to the VTA encouraging increased use for workers in Menemsha
- Email from Tim Carroll regarding incentivizing use of the VTA and park & ride
- Draft Annual Report
- Request for Determination (application to the Conservation Commission)

Minutes respectfully submitted by Carolyn Stoeber