

**WEST TISBURY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE  
MINUTES JUNE 3, 2009**

**PRESENT:** Bob Holt, Cheryl Lowe, Bruce Keep, Doug Bardwell, Nicole Cabot and present for part of the meeting, Joe Schroeder.

Minutes from previous meeting were approved as submitted.

There was only one other application submitted for the Summer Director and she had no Lifeguard or Water Safety experience so by default Joe keeps the position.

Nicole asked about the parcels at Long Point but no one knew about it. The committee will discuss more at a later date.

Bob met with Joe at school. He informed him of the Selectmen's decision of no staff parking at the parking lot. He said he understood. The committee felt there should be 2 spots held for supervisor and asst. Bruce said we should send a letter to the Selectmen that we would like to keep those spots. Joe said years ago it was the VTA stop and no one was able to park there. Nicole said for safety sake the Super should have a car there. Doug saw Martina and she did have an extra back board. Bob asked if we need new wheels for the chair. Joe said two wheels.

Bob said we need to have the signs clear about the parking. Nicole suggested putting it in the paper. Cheryl thinks the Police should monitor the parking. Doug said Jesse should have the no parking signs. Joe said it is going to affect townspeople more than tourists; they come at the end of the work day and park in the first spot they find. Joe suggested that we speak to Chief Toomey about putting landscape rocks like we did at Seth's.

Nicole said maybe rope it off. Bruce asked how many spots are needed for employees.

Joe said four. Nicole suggested they keep a cone in there a car to save their spot.

Bruce asked about the tax issue. Joe said it is going to be tough to enforce; 75% of renters are coming in on weekends when town hall isn't open. Bruce said we are not responsible for collecting taxes.

Cheryl asked about drainage stones for the entrance to the shed. Bob said he will get them. Joe said it doesn't matter what kind just something to eliminate the mud. Joe said they need to fill the med kits and should get one for the tennis courts. He said he will have staff start the cleaning process at the parking lot and path. They usually rake, clear debris and trash etc. Bruce asked if the pot hole in the parking lot was filled. Doug said Jesse did do it. Doug said the front area needs to be trimmed, Howard used to do it. Joe said he watched Howard mow the other day and it took less than one hour to mow the whole field at the school but he bills us four hours. Doug said Jesse may be able to weed whack that area. Joe left the meeting.

Bob had also informed Joe he can't sell t-shirts for the track team at LCB. Cheryl said he also needs get clearance for purchases. The committee discussed having the staff come to a meeting to explain our expectations. Cheryl said we asked last year and only two came. Nicole said they may have night jobs. Bob said he would sit with kids before the meeting so they don't feel intimidated.

Bruce brought up the playground info. and commented how confusing everything is.

Cheryl asked if shipping is included. Doug read the email from Bea. Cheryl said if we

don't have Scanlon do it then we start from scratch getting bids etc. Doug said we are so far into it with Scanlon Nicole suggested adding more pieces next year to save money. Cheryl thought it would probably be more expensive to break things up and then we would have to ask for more money. Bruce thinks there are too many swings. Nicole said lots of kids use the swings. The committee discussed further the road blocks and finance piece of working with Scanlon. Cheryl commented that the cost of them coming back after everything is moved out is what is adding to the total. Bob reiterated that the heavy equipment will then go over the grounds to put in the playground after they have finished. Nicole asked about the grass. They agreed the grass would not go in until after the playground is complete. Bob doesn't feel comfortable eliminating pieces based on Bea's recommendation. Bruce doesn't think we need Tether Ball. Nicole asked about trash cans. Doug said we had discussed letting the THRC handle getting trash cans and picnic tables or benches instead of having it come out of our budget.

Nicole spoke with Beth Kramer at the library and they would like to sponsor a party for the opening of the playground. They would pay for a storyteller and cake etc. Doug said we had discussed prior of dedicating the playground to the first teacher at the West Tisbury School Mrs. Fisher.

In other business, Bob has not taken the stump out at the Mater field but he will get to it. Cheryl said we do not need a Use at Your Own Risk sign for insurance purposes but it is not a bad idea. Doug said we do need a new Rules and Regs. Sign at the beach. It was determined that Joe and staff will fill the doggie bags during summer but someone else will need to in off season. Cheryl and Bob were approved as the new Co-chair people of the committee.

The next meeting is July 1, 2009 7pm.  
The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peggy Stone