

**WEST TISBURY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE  
MINUTES AUGUST 4, 2010**

**PRESENT:** Bruce Keep, Cheryl Lowe, Doug Bardwell, Nicole Cabot, Joe Schroeder, Peggy Stone, Hap Bernard, Michael Adell, Allison Reed, Tom Rancich, Suzanne Fenn, Michelle Jasny. Joan Jenkinson, Paula Church, Vivien Stein, Dave Stein, Joyce Brigish, Sheila Shapiro, Carol Marrano, Ed and Linda Scrill, Louisa Williams. Minutes were approved from March, April, May, and June 2010.

The Parks and Recreation Committee heard from the Conservation Commission regarding the dune at LCB. They are not happy with the dune being cut and would like us to come to their meeting on August 10 to discuss. Joe mentioned the patrons are very happy with the dune. It has made it a lot easier especially for the elderly and those needing the beach wheelchair. He also said the new signs at Cottles have made a big difference. If cars are not parked properly they call the police to write a ticket. Beach revenues are at \$50,000 already a bit ahead of last year's sales. The beach chair is getting a lot of use, some as a heavy items carrier which is not ideal. He would still like to look into an ATV for the beach. Joe also mentioned swimmers have requested a fourth buoy; the cost is around \$200.

Many people from the community came to discuss the dog policy at LCB. The Committee introduced themselves to the community. Peggy gave a quick overview as to why we are revisiting the policy. Based on complaints from beach goers that dogs are not on leash on the path and the dog waste is not being removed and people are coming on the beach before 6:30 the committee felt they need to have a discussion about it. Bruce found the original agreement that was planned with the community group from 2001. Steve Maxner was one of the original groups and said things worked well for a while but they have gotten away from monitoring. The group felt it is really a human issue not a dog issue. People need to be responsible for their dogs. A trash receptacle would really be helpful as well. Nicole said it's about education. All dog need a permit whether they are in town or not. This needs to be publicized more. The group agreed they could put together an enough volunteers to help enforce the policy. Carol Marrano voiced her disappointment with the dogs on the beach; she is afraid of dogs and has been frightened many times during her morning walks. She said there is always poop on the path, in the lot and on the beach, she has been knocked down, and never sees dogs on leash. She would like to see dogs banned in July and August. Cheryl commented that we are trying to accommodate both sides. It was agreed we will try the volunteer monitor system and revisit at a later date. Mike Adell said he would spear head the volunteer group. They will keep in touch with Peggy.

In other business, the committee agreed to postpone the Community play date until next year. Cheryl brought Hap Bernard to the meeting who would like to join the committee. Bruce motioned to recommend that Hap be appointed by the Selectmen. All approved. Peggy will submit to Jen.

The next meeting was set for Wed. Sept. 1 at 6:30 pm

The meeting adjourned at 8:45pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Peggy Stone

Board Administrator

