

LAGOON POND DRAWBRIDGE COMMITTEE

c/o Martha's Vineyard Commission

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Minutes of the Meeting held on January 4, 2012

Meeting Location: MVC Offices

Members Present: Melinda Loberg (Chairman), Mark London, Dan Greenbaum, and Tristan Israel

Observers: Jynell Kristal (Tisbury Beautification Committee), Henry Stephenson (Tisbury Planning Board), Fred Hancock MVC Commissioner), and Mike Mauro (MVC Staff).

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m.

1. Landscaping Design of the Permanent Drawbridge

The Committee reviewed the Landscape design plans presented by MassDOT and Parsons at the December 8th, 2011 meeting.

It was agreed that we would send MassDOT a letter including comments and questions about the draft landscaping plan as well as other aspects of the project. It was suggested that the following items be raised either in the letter or at the next meeting.

- Would the park benches/tables be permanent or temporary? We should discuss the locations where these benches/tables will be placed.
- The letter should contain language stating that MassDOT and Parsons make every effort to comply with the local permitting and other processes.
- It might be desirable to substitute disease-resistant American elm trees for the honey locusts shown in the plan. Does it make sense to plant trees that are all the same, so if one species becomes diseased, they could all die? It would be desirable to have a salt tolerant tree such as elm, which could thrive in a very harsh environment such as this one. Should the trees be spread out as proposed or more clustered?
- Although the first, curved portion of the driveway will apparently have to be in metal, we should ask for the rest to be in wood, steel-backed as necessary.
- The sidewalks should be tinted to match the Tisbury sidewalks. The metalwork should generally be black.
- Is it proposed that the low-level lighting in the park would wrap around the entire access and under the bridge?
- On the harbor side, the railing along the pedestrian walkway should only be in the part that ramps up, not in the lowest flat section.

- The tinting specs of the concrete/asphalt should be clarified.
- It might be desirable to incorporate an element of interpretation/education such as an interpretative panel, special signage, and/or a work of art. It could be in the park and/or in the observation deck/bump out on the bridge opposite the tender's house.
- We should clarify the surface material of the paths.

The next meeting of the Drawbridge Committee will be held on January 26th, 2012 at 10:30 a.m. at the Martha's Vineyard Commission and will include representatives of MassDOT and Parsons. We would like to discuss: the design and color of the railings, lighting, and fencing around the drainage ditch, abutment and the other concrete finishes and, most notably, the bridge tender's house.

There was a brief discussion as to whether this project should be referred to the MVC as a DRI. It was suggested that this be an agenda item at the next scheduled all-island selectmen's meeting in February.

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.