

**DRAFT MINUTES
MARGINAL WAY COMMITTEE
Monday, August 6, 2012- 6PM
Dunaway Center**

A ROLL CALL

The following members of the Committee were present: H. Horn, P. Hanscom, J. Griswold, L. Gillespie, P. Breen and L.Rioux.

D. Barton, the representative from the Select Board was present.

The following consultant was present: Prof. A. Hussey and B. Linney

J. Oliver was excused.

A quorum was present.

B. MINUTES

The minutes from the Committee meeting on May 7th, 2012 were approved.

C. TREASURER'S REPORT

As of 5/31/12, the balance in the Marginal Way Beautification Fund was \$ 73,682.56.

As of 6/30/12, the balance in the Marginal Way Beautification Fund was \$73,682.70.

D. CHAIR'S REPORT

1) Stabilization Project

Various issues related to stabilizing the Marginal Way and related benches were discussed.

3) Invasive Plants

The Chair noted that invasive plants on the Marginal Way are fast crowding out the native flora.

Discussion centered on developing a plan to deal with this problem. A suggestion was made that a landscape contractor certified in the use of appropriate chemical agents be invited to discuss the means of eliminating and/or holding these plants at bay.

A pod-picking event was scheduled for August. The date was publicized to draw volunteers to pick seedpods of invasive plants.

4) Geology Talks

On July 19th, a geology presentation was conducted by Professor Hussey at the site of the new Geology Sign on the Marginal Way with 8 people in attendance.

Geology talks have been scheduled for August and September.

5) Bird Sign

The Bird Sign is being fabricated at the vendor, Fossil's facilities. Delivery and installation of the Bird Sign is expected in a few weeks.

6) Beachmere Sign

The Committee disagreed with the wording of the caution sign, which will be installed on Beachmere property on the Marginal Way by the owners of the Beachmere. The Committee suggested that the wording of the sign be revised to indicate that the caution warning emanated from the owner of the Beachmere.

7) Box Donation

An announcement was made that henceforth the Marginal Way Preservation Fund will contribute all donations deposited in the Marginal Way boxes to the Beautification Fund. The past year's donations of over \$4000 were presented to the Marginal Way Committee.

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

F. NEW BUSINESS

None

G. ADJOURMENT.

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for September 10,2012 at 6PM in the Dunaway Center.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20PM.

Respectfully,

Paul Breen
Secretary