

DRAFT MINUTES
MARGINAL WAY COMMITTEE
6PM-August 5, 2013
DUNAWAY CENTER

A ROLL CALL

Members Present- H. Horn, P. Breen, J. Griswold, L. Rioux, D. Joyner and L. Gillespie
Alternate Members Present –M.Eimon & P.Hanscom
Consultants Present- Prof. A. Hussey & B. Linney
Selectman D. Barton, the representative from the Select Board was present.

A quorum was noted.

B. MINUTES

The minutes of the Committee meeting of June 3, 2013 were approved as written.

C.TREASURER’S REPORT

L. Rioux reported that the balance in the Marginal Way’s Beautification Fund as of 6/30/13 was \$ 83,467.29.

A motion was made and approved to accept that report.

D. CHAIR’S REPORT

1) Lack of Clear Marginal Way Boundaries at the Oarweed.

No action has yet been taken by the Town on the issue of the lack of clear Marginal Way boundaries at the Oarweed.

2) Immediate Storm Damage Repair Projects

Many areas on the Marginal Way require repair due to damage from winter storms. A list of these areas, which was distributed earlier, has been prioritized by the Town to determine the areas that should receive immediate attention.

The areas south of the Lighthouse and at the Devils Kitchen will require repair prior to next winter. Repair estimates are being developed with repairs slated to commence after Labor Day.

3) POD Picking Day

The Chair announced that August 10th had been selected as the date for the annual Black Swallow Wart Seed Pod picking day.

This invasive is one of the most aggressive plants now spreading through the Marginal way. Volunteers will meet at the Lighthoouse @ 9AM and will be assigned a section of

the Marginal Way to harvest the Black Swallow Wart Seed Pods.

4) Geology Lecture

Geology Lectures conducted by Prof. Hussey are scheduled for August 15th and September 12th on the Marginal Way.

Interested parties will meet at the Geology Sign on the Marginal Way @ 2pm.

5) Imbedded Knotweed on the Retaining Wall at Mother's Beach

Patten Landscaping has been asked to remove the knotweed growing on the retaining wall at Mother's Beach.

6) Assigned DPW Workers to the Marginal Way

The Chair applauded the efforts of the two DPW workers who had been assigned for the season to maintain and prune the Marginal Way.

E. NEW BUSINESS

None

F. OLD BUSINESS

1) Recognition Plaques

P. Breen reported on a number of topics related to the Recognition Plaques:

a) Installation of Stones

The shaping of the two large stone bases and the stone seat continues with installation of these stones at the plaque site scheduled to begin during the second week of September.

b) Full Size Exhibit of Plaque #1

The full size drawing of the plaque #1 containing the donor names was shown to the Committee. The form factor of the plaques used on the new site is identical to that employed on the bridge. The format employed on these plaques for the donor names is 25 lines of 33 characters per line.

c) Allocation of Plaque slots

To date, 30 plaque positions have been assigned to donors of the Endowment.

d) Color of the Bronze Plaque

A concern had been expressed that the color of the bronze plaque for the new installation not be too dark.

Samples of bronze plaque illustrating a range of colors are being obtained from plaque vendors. The decision on the plaque color will be made once the new samples are made

available during the next week.

e) The Donor Acknowledgement

The location and phrasing to be used on the donor acknowledgment needs to be defined. A suggestion was made that a separate acknowledgement plate be attached to one of the stone bases. The Chair asked that members prepare proposed phrasing for the Acknowledgement so that a decision could be made at the next Committee meeting.

f) Installation Sequence for Plaques

The Committee agreed that the mounting sequence for plaques be from the inside on each stone base with odd numbers mounted on the right stone base and even numbered plaques mounted on the left stone base.

g) Potential Grant for Landscaping

L. Gillespie noted that a grant might be available from the Piscataqua Garden Club for landscaping the new plaque site. P. Breen offered to complete the application and submit it prior to the due date of late August. Details on the outcome will be provided at the next meeting of the Committee.

h) Donation from the Marginal way Preservation Fund

A check for \$1500 was presented to the Marginal Way Beautification Fund from the Marginal way Preservation Fund. This check represents the proceeds from the Blue boxes located on the Marginal Way over the past 3 months.

2) Invasive Plants

Three members of the Committee,, J Griswold. B. Linney and D. Joyner are developing a plan, which will deal with invasive plants on the Marginal Way. A draft of this plan will be available for review by the Committee in the next few months.

A suggestion was made that a Marginal Way Sustainability plan be developed which would incorporate the issues of invasive plants as well as the issues of erosion and storm damage on the Marginal Way.

An intern with professional training in landscape architecture could be hired by the Committee to review the prior engineering studies dealing with the survivability of the Marginal Way as well as documenting the areas which the Chair has surveyed requiring immediate and future repair action. Once the draft invasive plan is completed, it could be incorporated in the proposed sustainability plan.

The Committee agreed that action on a suitability plan be deferred until a future Committee meeting,

G.ADJOURMENT

The next meeting will be held on September 9, at the Dunaway Center @ 6PM.

This meeting adjourned at 7:45PM.

Submitted respectfully,

Paul Breen
Secretary