

MARGINAL WAY COMMITTEE

January 6, 2014

DUNAWAY CENTER- 6 PM

**A ROLL CALL**

Members Present- H. Horn, L. Gillespie, P. Breen, J. Griswold, L. Rioux, & D. Joyner,

Alternate Member Excused - P.Hanscom

Alternate Members Absent –M.Eimon

Consultants Absent - Prof. A. Hussey & B. Linney

Selectman D. Barton was present.

A quorum was noted.

**B. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of November 2013 were reviewed and the revised minutes will be provided at the next meeting.

**C.TREASURER'S REPORT**

L. Rioux reported that the balance in the Marginal Way Beatification Fund as of 12/31/13 was \$87,187.84.

**D. CHAIR'S REPORT**

**1) Storm Damage**

The most recent storm produced a tidal surge, which resulted in splash over near benches #9 & #10, at Mother's Beach and at the Little Beach. Additionally, runoffs from Israel Head Rd. and Stearns Rd. have exacerbated the erosion in the Lighthouse area. The lower sections of the handrails at both beaches were damaged and will require repair and reinstallation.

**2) Town Budget**

A request has been made to the Town Manager to again provide DPW employees on a seasonal basis for maintenance and repair tasks on the Marginal Way. It was requested that this support be provided early in the spring so as to deal with the overgrowth in plants prevalent at that timer of year.

**3) Thank You**

A thank you note was sent to the Jack Russell Foundation in recognition of their donation of \$2500.

## **E. NEW BUSINESS.**

### **1) Emergency Repairs**

Selectman Barton reported on the results of an initial survey, which was made to assess the stability of Devil's Kitchen's chasm walls closest to the walkway.

H. Horn, D. Barton and .J Lindsey, a local contractor experienced with repairs of this type, made up the survey party.

Their assessment indicated that the rocks placed in the chasm following the 2007 storm had not properly been affixed to the chasm walls and as a result many large boulders had dropped to the ocean floor. Wave action and runoff have severely eroded the banks of the chasm to the extent that the walkway in the area of the curve at Devils Kitchen is threatened with collapse.

A proposed corrective action would provide for the removal of the existing boulder wall and construction of a more robust rock wall. The new wall would be placed on a large cement pad, which would rest on the chasm floor. A new wall would be constructed consisting of large boulders (in the 5 to 10 ton range) configured to support the chasm walls with the boulders pinned to the chasm wall.

The existing chain link fence on the oceanside of the walkway would be removed and a metal fence installed similar to those used at Mothers Beach and Little Beach.

Initial estimates of the repair costs are in the \$100,000 to \$150,000 range.

In order to access that area of the Marginal Way to construction equipment, permission must be obtained from the Wayne Griffin family who own the property adjacent to the site. This location is the only access, which is suitable for transporting heavy equipment to the site, as passage along the walkway from the Lighthouse with construction equipment would collapse the walkway, as it cannot accommodate the weight of the construction equipment.

The Griffin family plan to start their renovation project this year with a tear down of the existing house and landscaping commencing in the spring.

Assuming that permission is granted to allow access for heavy equipment to the site, the repair project must be completed while the ground is frozen as the renovation work is scheduled to commence in the spring.

A meeting is scheduled with The Griffin family on Jan 26<sup>th</sup> to discuss this situation.

Additional issues such as source of the funds and selection of the contractor for this project will be addressed as the repair plan develops.

### **2) Repairs to the Walkway adjacent to the Lighthouse.**

The DPW will be asked to stabilize the walkway south of the Lighthouse and install a riprap in front of the exposed walkway to protect this section of the Marginal Way from wave action. These actions should resolve the walkway stability problems for now.

### **3) Joint Grant Requests/ Matched Funds**

P Breen presented a summary of a proposed effort, which could be implemented jointly by the Marginal Way Committee and the Marginal Way Preservation Fund. This joint effort would provide for the submission of joint grant requests to Foundations and Corporations for various types of projects for the Marginal Way.

The Marginal Way Committee would develop three types of proposals: Repair, Projects to eliminate and/or curb the growth of invasives and new educational signage.

The Marginal Way Preservation Fund would interact with the Foundations and Corporations.

It was pointed out that the potential size of the grant would be small (<\$10,000) and the like hood of approval could be increased if the Marginal Way Committee and the Marginal Way Preservation Fund jointly matched the grant. The match would be up to ½ of the size of the received grant for each organization.

A tentative schedule for the drafts of these proposals would be in March with grant requests submitted to the respective organizations in the spring.

## **F. OLD BUSINESS.**

### **1) Invasive Plants**

J. Griswold reported that a potential solution has been identified which may inhibit and potentially eliminate the Black Swallow Wart plant throughout the Marginal Way.

A scientist from Univ. of Rhode Island has found a moth, which in its native environment inhibits the growth of the Black Swallow Wart. The moth feeds on the Black Swallow Wart, which negatively affects the reproduction process of that plant resulting in the plant succumbing to the moth attack.

Local tests are being developed to demonstrate the utility of this moth in eliminating and/or retarding the growth of that plant. The tests have been scheduled to commence in 2015 in Cape Elizabeth and the Marginal Way has been placed on a list of potential sites for a demonstration test.

In the interim, a group of Marginal Way Committee members are developing a demonstration program, which will determine the effectiveness of using chemical retardants on this plant. The program is proposed to be accomplished this year and will use local labor to execute this program.

as made that a proposed warrant article, if approved, would ban the use of chemical retardants in town. This would be a barrier to the proposed programs implementation. If that warrant article is approved, an exemption would have to be sought.

Details on this proposed programs will be provided to the Committee at the next meeting.

### **2) Action to Correct the Damage to the Bird Sign**

P Breen reported that the vendor for the new Bird Sign had been queered as to whether a repair could be accomplished on the Bird Sign to correct for the damage to the logo caused by vandalism. The response was negative but the vendor suggested that a decal could be designed to be placed as an overlay on the existing logo on the Bird Sign. A design for the revised logo was created which deleted the phone number and made the area of the new logo made equal to the original one. This design was submitted to the sponsor who agreed with the new design. Six copies of the decals were ordered, and P Breen will pay the cost of the new decals.

When the new decals are received, P Breen will install one over the damaged logo.

### **3) Recognition Plaques**

The Committee agreed on the proposed wording to be put on the Acknowledgment Plaque.

The wording is:

**“Friends of the Marginal Way  
Through their gifts and generosity,  
the Marginal Way will endure  
for future generations  
to treasure and enjoy.”**

The Acknowledgment Plaque will be ordered from the plaque vendor with installation scheduled for the spring.

### **G.ADJOURMENT**

The next meeting will be scheduled in February with the specific date to be selected by the Chair.

This meeting adjourned at 7:30PM.

Submitted respectfully,

Paul Breen  
Secretary