

MARGINAL WAY COMMITTEE

6PM-May 6, 2013

DUNAWAY CENTER

A ROLL CALL

Members Present- H. Horn, L. Gillespie, P. Breen, J. Griswold, L. Rioux, D. Joyner, & J. Oliver
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 meeting of April 1, 2013 were approved as written.

C. TREASURER'S REPORT

L. Rioux reported that the Treasurer's report for the month of April was not available. This report will be provided at the next meeting.

D. CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair described the damage on the Marginal Way, which has been caused by erosion from storms during the winter as well as drainage issues on Stearns Rd.

The Chair developed a sketch of the Marginal Way including locations and degrees of the damage to the Way. This sketch was used during these discussions. A copy of the sketch is attached.

Three categories of problems were defined, Safety, Short-term repair and Long Term repair. The safety issues with the short-term solutions will be addressed this season.

A list of projects related to the Marginal Way, which are suitable for FEMA funding, is being developed in conjunction with the Town Manager.

The problem areas will be categorized over the next few weeks by the Committee and presented at the next meeting

E. NEW BUSINESS

1) Recognition Plaques

The candidate stones which were selected to provide a base for the recognition plaques were moved from the quarry to the Kevin Garfield's shop in Wells.

The larger stone is estimated to weigh 6 tons and is 80" long, 42" high x 48" deep .The smaller stone is in the 2 to 3 ton range and is 88" long x 31" high x 30" deep. (All measurements are nominal due to irregular shape.) Each stone has a rough irregular rectangular shape and presents a natural appearance. To accommodate the plaques, each stone must be shaped to produce one flat surface on top, which will be slightly tilted from the horizontal.

Approximately one foot of height material of the large stone must be removed before an insert cut can be accomplished. The insert cut (approximately ½" deep) on each stone will facilitate plaque installation.

The small stone will be provided with a similar smooth angled surface on top.

Kevin is searching for stones suitable for the stone seat and for flat stones, which would be installed on the ground around the bases, and the seat.

A week ago, Kevin reported that the larger rock has a fracture along the long dimension, which may cause the rock to split in the future.

He is examining a few candidate rocks in Peter Clayton's quarry for suitability along with monument quality granite, which is available in other quarries.

Prof. Hussey indicated that suitable granite may be available from a quarry in Wells. Granite Blocks from that quarry were used in the Wells jetty.

2. Geology Talks

Professor Hussey agreed to present his popular "Geology on the Rocks" on the Marginal way during July, August and September of this year.

F. OLD BUSINESS

1.0 Invasive Plants

Over the past few months, J. Griswold attended a number of educational seminars, which addressed strategies to deal with invasive plants.

Her findings were:

- a. The problem of invasive plant infestation is widespread affecting many areas in New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Maine.
- b. No formal plan has yet been developed to deal with the problem of invasive plants.
- c. The spread of invasive plants is reaching an epidemic stage on the Marginal Way. If the growth of these plants is not stopped, the invasive's will take over the Marginal Way and displace the native flora.

- d. If professionals are called in to deal with invasive plants they will decline as the professionals use herbicides which conflicts with town and state ordinances.

Discussion focused on having the Committee develop a strategy to deal with invasive plants.

One strategy would be to conduct an experiment by selecting a few infested areas, and use manual labor to cut back on the selected species. The DPW employee assigned to perform tasks on the Marginal Way during the season could provide the required labor. The results of that experiment could be used to develop a formal plan for dealing with invasive plants.

J.Griswold stated that a plan should be developed to deal with invasive plants. Once developed, this plan should be presented to the Town and the abutters of the Marginal Way with the goal of obtaining agreement on the thrust of the defined activity.

Without cooperation from the abettors, progress in dealing with invasive plants will be fruitless.

Agreement was achieved that the annual a pod day be scheduled for mid August to pick the seed pods from the black swallow wart on the Marginal Way.

The Chair asked that the Committee prepare a list of tasks for the DPW employee and send the list to the Chair.

J. Griswold asked that the Town reimburse her for the costs of attending the educational seminars on invasive plants, which she attended on behalf of the Committee. These costs approximated \$300.A motion was made and seconded to that effect and approved by a 7 to 0 vote

G.ADJOURMENT

The next meeting will be held on June 3, 2013 at the Dunaway Center @ 6PM.

This meeting adjourned at 7:00PM.

Submitted respectfully,

Paul Breen
Secretary

MARGINAL WAY

STORM DAMAGE REPAIRS. IMMEDIATE & LONG TERM PROJECTS
(MEMO & 2-DAY OCEAN STORM - MARCH 8-9-10)

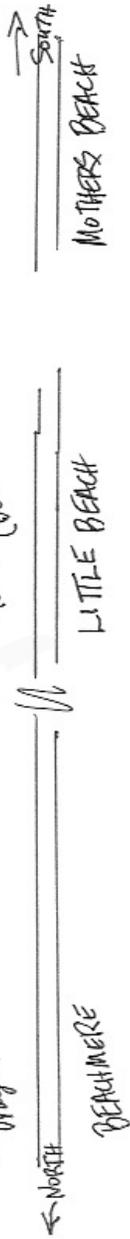
PREPARED by HELEN HORN

(Done privately by Beachwaver)

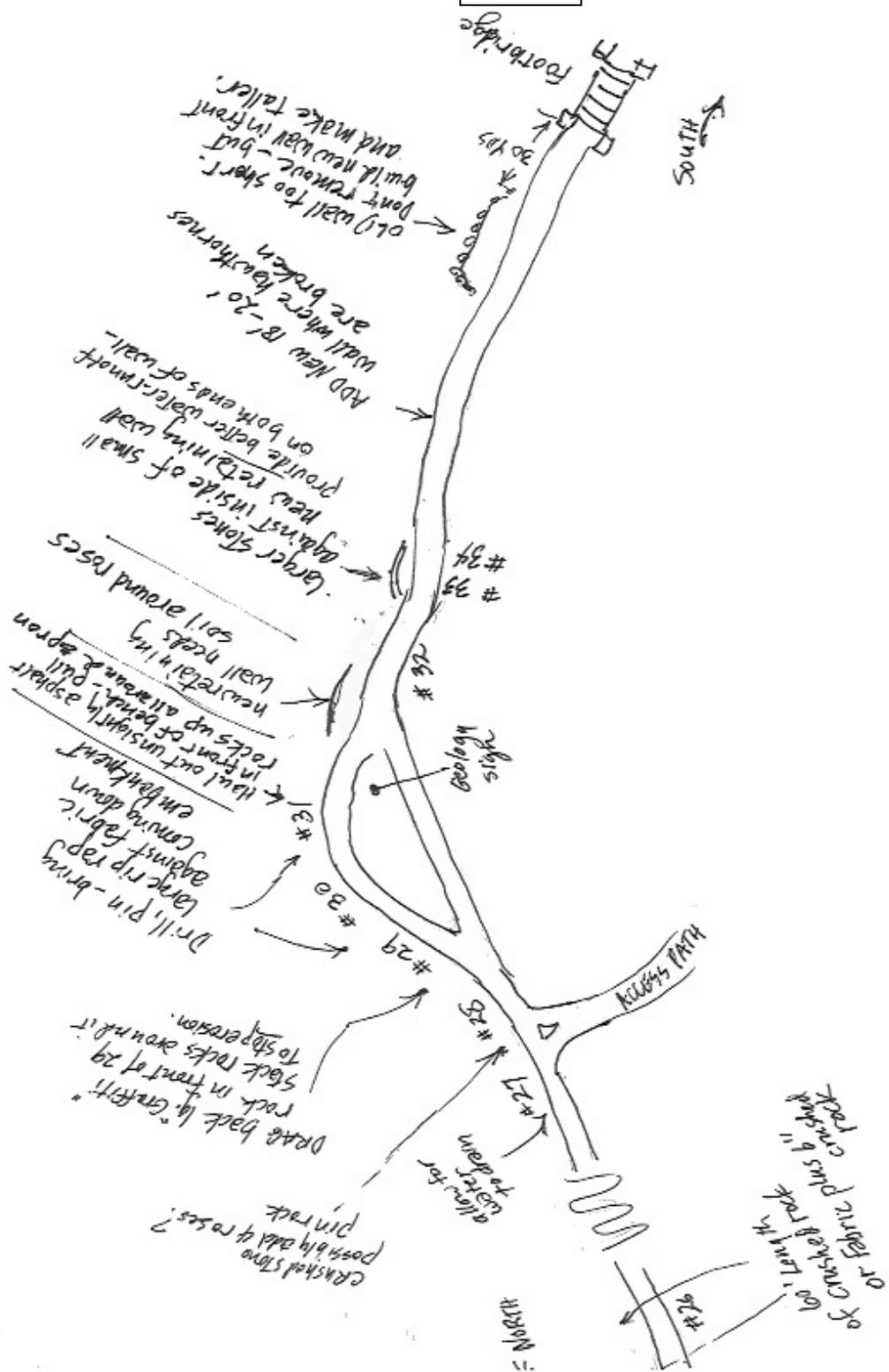
FILL IN 4'-5' GAPS NEXT TO NEW GRAP WALL AT BEACHWAVE WATERFRONT
DRAG UP TACKS TO WALL

Replace missing railings - shore up base - SAFE concrete steps - INSURE IT'S BEACH TO STEP ONTO BEACH (beach erosion)

REPAIR RAILINGS
INSURE SAFE LAST STEP ONTO BEACH



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