

MARGINAL WAY COMMITTEE
6PM-September 9, 2013
DUNAWAY CENTER

A ROLL CALL

Members Present- H. Horn, P. Breen, L. Roux, D. Joyner and L. Gillespie
Member Excused-J. Griswold
Alternate Members Present –M.Eimon & P.Hanscom
Consultants Absent -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 August 5, 2013 were approved as written.

C.TREASURER'S REPORT

L. Rioux reported that the balance in the Marginal Way's Beautification Fund as of 7/31/13 was \$ 83,497.40.

A motion was made and approved to accept that report.

D. CHAIR'S REPORT

1) Cairns Issue

The Chair read a few letters from visitors who complained about the appearance of many Cairns situated along the rocks near the waterline.

A brisk discussion ensued where it was brought out that these Cairns are the result of the work of many visitors who view it as a recreational activity.

One suggestion was made that signs be installed which ask the visitors to return the stones to their original location once the Cairns are made.

This matter will be discussed at future meetings.

2) POD Picking Day

The Chair asked that the report on the Pod picking Day be deferred until the next meeting

3) Geology Lecture

The last Geology Lecture for the season will be conducted by Prof. Hussey on September 12th on the Marginal Way. Interested parties will meet at the Geology Sign on the Marginal Way @ 2pm.

4) Assigned DPW Workers to the Marginal Way

The Chair expressed her satisfaction with the diligence of the efforts delivered by the two DPW workers who had been assigned for the season to maintain and prune the Marginal Way. These workers have taken over many of the tasks accomplished by the Weed Warriors".

The DPW workers made two suggestions for consideration for next year:

- a) Their efforts should commence earlier in the season so that the damage from winter storms could be addressed and grooming of the flora start early before it is overgrown.
- b) Trash barrels should be positioned at each access path so as to minimize the problem of refuse deposited on the Marginal Way.

E. NEW BUSINESS

Letters to Property Owners

L. Gillespie reported that Karen Christen, who lives in the Lookout, has suggested that the property owners, who are located in the environs of the Marginal Way, be advised by letter of the Black Swallow Wart issue and suggest that the Black Swallow Wart pods on their property be picked and brought to the Landfill for burning.

The issue will be discussed further at the next meeting.

F. OLD BUSINESS

1) Recognition Plaques

P. Breen reported that the installation site for the plaques had changed.

Prior to installing the stones at the site at the north end of the gravel path, a discussion ensued between the stonemason who is charged with the installation of the plaques and the CEO.

The issue was whether concrete footings would be employed. Further work by the CEO revealed that the drawings submitted by the Marginal Way Preservation Fund and approved at the March meeting of the Select Board did not provide for the use of concrete footings and further revealed that the installation site approved by the Select Board was not the site where the plaques were scheduled to be installed.

Selectman Barton stated that the Marginal Way Committee should execute what they had agreed to do namely install the plaques at the approved site using the configuration defined within the drawings submitted in March. A copy of the approved stone configuration was shown to the Committee and the issue was resolved.

2. Grant from Pisquaticqua Garden Club

P. Breen reported that a grant request had been completed and submitted to the Garden Club requesting approval of a \$750 grant.

G. ADJOURMENT

The next meeting will be held on October 7th at the Dunaway Center @ 6PM.

This meeting adjourned at 7:30PM.

Submitted respectfully,

Paul Breen
Secretary