

REVISED DRAFT MINUTES REV MAY 12
MARGINAL WAY COMMITTEE
6PM- MAY 7, 2012
DUNAWAY CENTER

A ROLL CALL

Members Present- H. Horn, L. Gillespie, D. Barton, P. Breen, J. Griswold, L. Rioux and P. Hanscom.

Members Absent- J. Oliver

Consultants Present- Prof. A. Hussey and B Linney

A quorum was present.

B. MINUTES

The approval of the Minutes of the April 9th meeting was deferred until the next meeting.

C.TREASURERS REPORT

The approval of the Treasurer's report for the month ending 4/30/12 was deferred until the next meeting.

D. CHAIRS REPORT

1.Accidents

The Chair reported that two events had occurred on the Marginal Way during the past month. One resulted in a drowning of a male after he slipped from the rocks at seaside and the second involved a woman who was injured due to tripping.

2.Paving of the Path

The paving had not been completed by this date as rain had delayed the repaving process.

Agreement had been made that the total repaving cost will be \$27,000 with an additional \$2,000 added to the original cost to cover the cost of new aggregate.

The Marginal Way Preservation Fund had contributed \$12,500 to cover ½ of the original cost.

3.Girl Scouts Visit

30 Girl Scouts from a local troop visited the Marginal Way and traveled to the 100-year-old cedar tree in recognition of the 100th Birthday of the Girl Scouts. Three bushes were planed in recognition of their visit.

4. Renaming of a Bench Plaque

A request was received to rename a bench plaque by adding relatives of the original donor. The Committee voted not to approve this request as redefining the scope of new bench recognitions was viewed as too expansive to the original intent of this program.

5. Access Path Landscaping

Discussion continued from last month regarding landscaping an access path by abutters on town land. An idea surfaced that the abutters could purchase the plants in accordance with a list recommended by the Committee and have them planted at the edge of the access path. The Committee agreed to discuss this matter further at next month's meeting.

6. Membership in the new Pedestrian and Bicycle Committee

J. Caveretta sent a note to the Committee announcing the formation of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee. The mission of this Committee is to advise the Select Board on matters of interest for this community. John asked that one of the members of the Marginal Way Committee join the new group, as the Marginal Way is the major pedestrian path through the town. Paul Breen volunteered for this position. He will report back to the Committee on the activities of this new group as it affects the Marginal Way Committee efforts and interests.

7. Site for Geology Sign

A small group of Committee members and consultants met at the proposed site of the Geology sign (near Bench #32) and agreed with the site location and the installation approach for the sign. The Geology sign is being fabricated with delivery in 4 to 6 weeks.

E Discussion of Recognition Plaques

The concept of installing recognition stones on the Marginal Way with the proceeds going to the Endowment of the Marginal Way Preservation Fund had been discussed for many months at a number of Committee meetings and a Committee decision was made to resolve this issue.

Three motions were presented and approved by majority votes of the Committee.

The first motion read as follows: "The proposed recognition plaque will be located at the existing monument site on the Marginal Way."

The second motion read as follows: “The proposed implementation will consist of a maximum of 250 names. When the recognition plaques are completed, this will provide for the final physical naming opportunity on the Marginal Way. The proposed recognition implementation will be located in an area surrounding the existing monument.”

The third motion read as follows: “The Marginal Way Preservation Fund will conduct the design of the recognition plaque and report on the proposed implementation to the Marginal Way Committee who has final approval on the proposed implementation.”

In developing the proposed concept, the Committee emphasized the need to maintain the sense of presence on the Marginal Way, no contemporary statements, rather something in line with existing structures and environment.

The Marginal Way Preservation Fund will be responsible for the costs involved with the design, site preservation, construction and installation of the recognition plaque.

A concept for the recognition plaque has been characterized by a drawing developed by a member of the Committee, Joan Griswold. As depicted in the attached conceptual drawing, a low-rise set of recognition plaques will be mounted on a stone base. Each plaque will be slanted to the horizontal for ease of reading. Provision will be made for 25 names to be placed on each plaque. Each donor name would be provided one line. Up to 10 stones could be placed in a horseshoe arrangement around the existing monument. The Committee agreed that once the 250 names are achieved, a moratorium will be imposed on any additional plaques.

F: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

G. NEW BUSINESS

Louesa Gillespie discussed the status of an accident which occurred on the Marginal Way this winter when a woman patron slipped on stonework on Beachmere property. The Beachmere’s Insurance Company is processing the claim but this incident opens up the possibility of closure of that portion of the Marginal Way due to the risk potential of new lawsuits.

The results of Beachmere’s deliberations on this issue will be presented to the Committee as their position on this subject is resolved.

H. PRESENTATION FUND REPORT

The monthly report from the Marginal Way Presentation Fund is attached.

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be held on June 4 in the Dunaway Center @ 6PM.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50PM.

Submitted respectfully,

Paul Breen

Secretary