

Draft Minutes from the 10.2.17 Meeting of the Marginal Way Committee

A. Roll Call

Members Present: P. Breen, J. Griswold, L. Gillespie, K. Arnold and J. Oliver

A quorum was noted.

H. Horn was present

B.Minutes

The minutes from the Committee meeting of September 6,2017 were approved with minor corrections.

C.Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was not available for the month of September.

D. Co Chair's Report

1) Conditions on the Path

No response has been received from the Town regarding the reinitiation of the weekly maintenance for the Marginal Way and continuing it through the end of October 2017.

E) OLD BUSINESS

1) Trail Grant Project- P. Breen

Work continued in defining the technical configuration for the Revetment Upgrade project. The costs and utility of each additional feature beyond replacement of the top layers of the rocks in the revetment ,are being assessed . Conclusions are being drawn **and** the results have been

reported to the anonymous donor and the Committee.

The recommendations of the Rock Color Selection Committee are reported below.

2) Results of the Rock Color Committee

As noted earlier, H. Horn and J. Jutras, agreed to travel to the Shaw Bros quarries for the purpose of selecting the color of the rocks to be used in the proposed Revetment Upgrade.

They viewed selected rocks and returned with rock samples. H. Horn gave a presentation to the Marginal Way Committee on the Marginal Way on Sunday October 1.

Their recommendation was to use the rocks which were employed in the Devil's Kitchen project. These rocks have a darker color than those which were used in the revetment which was installed in December 2016.

3) Invasive Control Activities- J. Griswold

Work continues on treating and removing invasive plants in selected portions of the Marginal Way and installing native plants and shrubs in the cleared areas.

J. Griswold reported that the USDA has had success in the use of a moth to limit and potentially destroy the Black Swallow-wort, which has spread throughout the Marginal Way

More details will be forthcoming in the next few months.

4) Count from People Counter- J. Oliver

The latest readout from the people counter on the Marginal Way showed significant increases in pedestrian traffic on the Marginal

Way over the comparable period a year ago.

The following Table illustrates the recorded data for the period June through November, 2016 and 2017.

| | 2016 | 2017 |
|------------------|----------------|----------------|
| JUNE | 1,989 | NA |
| JULY | 84,637 | 62,489* |
| AUGUST | 94,276 | 142,203 |
| SEPTEMBER | 67,380 | 154,633 |
| OCTOBER | 41,982 | |
| NOVEMBER | 15,346 | |
| TOTAL | 305,610 | 359,325 |

* **JULY 2017** count started on 7.6.17

As can be seen from the Table, the August and September 2017 totals of visitors to the Marginal Way was **81%** higher than for the same two month period, a year ago.

5) Social Media –K. Arnold

Discussion continued on expanding the use of social media to present to the public, the activities of the Marginal Way Committee and the issues facing the Marginal Way.

F) NEW BUSINESS

1) Draft Work Statement for Engineering Study to Correct the Eroded Embankment abutting the Beachmere Inn- P.Breen

P.Breen met with Geoff Avila from Civil Consultants to discuss the requirements in the work statement and view the eroded embankment, which abuts the Beachmere Inn on the Marginal Way. Discussions addressed the need to maintain the hedge, which separates the Marginal Way from the Beachmere Inn's property.

A cost proposal is expected in the next few weeks.

G ADJOURMENT

The meeting adjourned @ 5:30PM.

The next meeting of the Marginal Way Committee is scheduled for November 6, 2017.