

MINUTES
MARGINAL WAY COMMITTEE
MONDAY, April 1, 2019
DUNAWAY CENTER-4PM

A. ROLL CALL

Members Present- P. Breen, J. Griswold, L. Gillespie, and J Oliver

K. Arnold was excused.

A quorum was noted.

Carol Murray ,DPW, head was present.

B. MINUTES

The minutes of the Marginal Way Committee meeting held on January 7, 2019 were approved.

C.TREASURER'S REPORT

As of 3.31.19, the balance in the Marginal Way Repair fund was \$48,905.

D.CHAIR'S REPORT- State of The Marginal Way

The Chair indicated that personnel from John Patten's firm would clean debris from the Seaside Garden within the next week.

Work is being done to clear the Town parcel on the Marginal Way adjacent to the O'Leary property.

Bittersweet is being cleared from the area adjacent to the Footbridge.

The owners of a property on Locust Grove will be advised of concerns re the Emerald Ash Borer.

E.OLD BUSINESS

1) Storm Damage Repair Operations

The Chair discussed the state of 18 repair projects for the Marginal Way, which is being evaluated as part of the extended DEP review process required for these projects.

The FEMA funding profile that is used to provide repair funds for the Marsh storm damage was described as a combination of Federal, State and Town appropriations.

3) Proposed New Water Line for Plants on the Marginal Way

The Committee discussed the proposed new water line to be run down Stearns Ave to provide water for new plants on the Marginal Way . The Committee agreed that further discussion would be held at the next Committee's meeting.

4) Engineering Study of the Eroded Embankment on the Marginal Way abutting the Beachmere Inn.

In response to the Committee’s questions, the Consultant, Geoff Avila reported that the use of a concrete poured wall would be more expensive than the suggested use of large granite blocks and the site preparations for the concrete poured wall would likely damage the roots of the extensive hedge, which acts as a buffer between the Beachmere property and the Marginal Way.

The Committee asked if stone blocks could be fabricated so that a rough surface could be provided on the face of the stone facing the path for purposes of aesthetics. Additionally the Committee asked if large wood timbers could be employed on this project.

The Consultant will be asked to answer these questions.

5) People Counter

The following chart summarizes the pedestrian traffic count on the Marginal Way for CY16, CY17, CY18 and CY19 through 3.31.19.

	CY16	CY17	CY18	CY19	
January	Not Installed	No Data	2274	3817	
February	Not Installed	No Data	7050	2798	
March	Not Installed	No Data	7079	8365	
April	Not Installed	No Data	16821		
May	Not Installed	No Data	31875		
June	Not Installed	No Data	48982		
July	66259	60176	70443		
August	96539	142314	70896		
September	67380	154593	57907		
October	41982	55145	35726		
November	15347	12181	9260		
December	No Data	4081	8244		
TOTAL	287507	412228	366557	14980	Grand Total 1066292

Note that July 2017 only has data from 7th-30th
Due to operator error in data retrieval.

F. NEW BUSINESS

1.0 Maine Plant Ecosystem Presentation

The Chair discussed the search to engage a speaker to follow-up on the environmental talk given by Doug Tallamy a few years ago. The Chair has been in communication with Eric Topper who could present a talk on the Maine plant, animal, insect ecosystem in Ogunquit during this season.

2. Recruiting Call for New Members for the Marginal Way Committee

The Committee discussed the need to recruit new members for the Marginal Way

Committee to fill longstanding vacant positions on the Committee's membership.

P.Breen suggested that a recruitment message be created to advertise for volunteers from Ogunquit and adjacent communities who would serve on the Marginal Way Committee.

The message would be posted on WOGT and on the Marginal Way Preservation Fund's web site.

A draft message will be prepared by P. Breen and submitted to the Committee for review and approval.

The Ogunquit Town Charter allows for a certain number of non-residents to be considered as candidates for the Marginal Way Committee.

This topic will be readdressed at the next Committee meeting.

H. ADJOURNMENT

This meeting adjourned @ 5:30PM.

The next meeting of the Marginal Way Committee will be held on Monday, May 6,2019 @ 4PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul Breen
Secretary