

MINUTES
MARGINAL WAY COMMITTEE
MONDAY, May 6, 2019
DUNAWAY CENTER-4PM

A. ROLL CALL

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

A quorum was noted.

Two residents attended this meeting

B. MINUTES

The minutes of the Marginal Way Committee meeting held on April 1, 2019 were approved.

C.TREASURER’S REPORT

The Treasurer’s Report was not available.

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

The Chair stated that debris from the Seaside Garden will be removed within the next week.

Work continues on clearing the Town parcel adjacent to the O’Leary property and planting native plants on this parcel.

E.OLD BUSINESS

1) Storm Damage Repair Operations

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

Work continues in providing FEMA with the required information to support the reimbursement of funds to repair the Marginal Way from the damage from March 2018 storms.

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

No discussion on this topic

3) Discussion of Pilot Study to Address the Suppression of Black Swallow Wart Invasive Plants

The Chair indicated that the second year of the pilot study to eliminate Black Swallow Wart invasive plants will commence this season.

The grant funds received last year from the Piscataqua Garden Club for this project will be released upon request to the Marginal Way Committee by the 501c3 Marginal Way

Preservation Fund who solicited that grant. These funds will be used to purchase insect predators for this study.

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

A set of questions on project details was posed by the Committee at the April Committee and was forward to the consultant, Geoff Aliva. These questions and attendant answers are listed below:

Q. Could the Granite blocks be fabricated so that a rough surface is provided on the front surface of the stone facing the path, as the rough surface will provide for better aesthetics?

A. Geoff stated that a rough finish could be provided on the front surface of the granite blocks as part of the finishing process. A photo of a representative granite block with rough finish is attached.

Geoff stated that wood timbers should not be used on this project because of the limited life span of the wood and the chemicals injected into the wood, as part of the preservation process, would leach into the restricted area.

P. Breen presented an estimated total project cost using granite blocks, 8' long, 3' to 4' wide and 16" to 18" high to be used for an installation of a 75' wall, provide for grading of the remaining 225' portion of the embankment and repave the walkway in the project area to provide a 5' width over the 300' portion of the path in the project area.

P. Breen suggested that a graphic artist be engaged to create a sketch of the 300' project for use in the budgetary process. This capability is not resident in the consultant's firm and should be obtained from a graphic arts firm.

The estimated costs for the various portions of the job are:

\$30K to \$40K for the purchase and installation of multiple 8' long x 3' to 4' depth x 16" to 18" high granite blocks, with rough surface on one face to create a 75' wall.

\$20K for shaping the balance of the 300' embankment.

\$10K for repaving the 300' path to provide a 5' width

\$2K for a permit.

The total estimated project costs will range from \$62K to \$72K.

These estimates do not include the costs for preparing a bid package for this project.

The Chair stated that the Lead Contractors would be asked to review these costs and create a report on the results of their review. This report will be discussed at the next Committee meeting

A discussion ensued as to whether this project should be entered into the next year's budgetary process with the concern that the Select Board and/or Budget Committee might reduce funding in the Storm repairs to pay for the proposed project. Further discussion on this topic will be presented at the June Committee meeting.

5. Effects of Sea Rise on the Vulnerability and Sustainability Study on the Marginal Way.

P. Breen noted that in light of the damage made to the Marginal Way by the storms of 2018, the Town should fund a study of the Marginal Way's vulnerability and sustainability to storm damage, erosion and visitor traffic.

This is not a new topic and was discussed last year but was sidelined to deal with the efforts to implement repairs required to correct the damage from the March 2018 storms.

Firms familiar with assessing the viability of geological structures to the effects of ocean storms and erosion would conduct the proposed study.

The study would identify vulnerable areas of the Marginal Way, identify sustainability areas and propose corrective actions, which the Town could employ to buttress those areas on the Marginal Way from future storm damage.

The proposed study would provide a road map for the Town for future repair and upgrade actions on the Marginal Way and would mirror a similar study performed by Woodard and Curran in 2005.

A motion made and seconded to proceed with this study and the Committee voted 5-0 to go forward with the proposed activity.

P. Breen agreed to develop a set of technical guidelines, which would define the technical details of the proposed study and send a draft of these guidelines to the Committee for discussion at the June Committee meeting.

6) People Counter

The pedestrian count from the People Counter was not available.

F. NEW BUSINESS

1) Maine Plant, Animal, Insect Ecosystem Presentation

The Chair stated that efforts continue to engage Eric Topper to present a talk on the Maine plant, animal, insect ecosystem to residents in Ogunquit this season.

2) Recruiting Call for New Volunteers for the Marginal Way Committee

The Committee discussed the need to recruit new volunteers for the Marginal Way Committee to fill longstanding vacant positions on the Committee's membership and develop a cadre of volunteers who could participate in Committee activities.

A draft of the proposed announcement was discussed and revisions were suggested. The Chair stated that she will develop a revision to this announcement that will be discussed at the June Committee meeting.

H. ADJOURNMENT

This meeting adjourned @ 5:45PM.

The next meeting of the Marginal Way Committee will be held on Monday, June 3, 2019 @ 4PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul Breen
Secretary