

MINUTES  
MARGINAL WAY COMMITTEE  
MONDAY, October 7,2019  
DUNAWAY CENTER

**A.ROLL CALL**

Members Present- L, Gillespie, P. Breen, J. Griswold, G. Brother , M. Serus and E. Cooper

Members Absent- K. Arnold

A quorum was noted.

Joyce Fletcher and Jeanne Roche attended this meeting

**B. MINUTES**

The minutes of the Marginal Way Committee meeting held on August 12,2019 were approved.

**C.TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Treasurer's Report was not available

**D.CHAIR'S REPORT**

**1.State of the Marginal Way**

The rose bushes on the Marginal Way north of the Lighthouse require trimming to restore the useful width of the path.

The plants installed at the rear of the O'Leary property and the plants installed adjacent to the refurbished benches midway along the Marginal Way are prospering.

Graffiti has been noted at some locations in the Marginal Way and on the Footbridge. The DPW will be notified to correct these problems.

**E.OLD BUSINESS**

**1. Storm Damage Repair Operations**

The Chair presented a large document prepared by Walsh Engineering, which is being submitted to the DEP to support the DEP's detailed review of the 12 Marginal Way projects detailed within the application for a NKPA permit.

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

CMC has completed a study examining the utility of a drainage system, which when built, would address the flow of storm water down Stearns Ave and Israel Head Rd to the ocean.

CMC has proposed that Walsh Engineering use the study results and collaborate with CMC to design a new revetment, which will be located on the Marginal Way north of the Lighthouse.

## **2. A Proposed Vulnerability and Sustainability Study of the Marginal Way.**

Prior discussions addressed the conduct of a proposed study, which would examine the effects of sea rise and wind on Ogunquit's municipal infrastructure.

Discussions with Woods Hole Group provided insight on typical sea rise studies, which are being accomplished for many seaside communities in the State of Mass.

Rules within federal grants restrict the use of federal funds to examine the effects of sea rise on businesses or private residences.

A typical Vulnerability and Sustainability Study could consist of:

- a) Formation of a Workshop with stakeholder participants and a discussion of the study scope and products,
- b) Use the Town's GIF files and NOAA estimates of sea rise over this century to create a static model of sea rise effects,
- c) Create a topographic model of the sea floor in areas abutting the Town coastline,
- d) Overlay probability models describing resultant storm tides and winds on the static topographic models,
- e) Identify areas of vulnerability based on the enhanced model results,
- f) Estimate damage on municipal infrastructures from sea rise and storms,
- g) Propose corrective actions, which could be employed to mitigate damage,

The cost of this study is estimated in the \$150K to \$175K and can be accomplished in 6 to 9 months.

## **3. People Counter**

This month's update for the People Counter was not available.

## **F. NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Mission of the Survivability Committee**

P. Breen reported on the Draft Mission statement of the Survivability Committee, which is being formed by the Select Board.

This Mission states that this Committee will provide guidance to the Select Board on the impact of new fuels being introduced into the Marketplace and provide council to the Select Board as to the impact of these new fuels on the Town of Ogunquit. The Mission further states that this Committee will provide guidance to the Select Board on environmental changes, which could affect the community.

The Marginal Way and the Beach have been omitted specifically in the mission statement which ignores the fact that the proceeds from the Beach Parking Lot satisfies ½ of the annual Town Budget while the Marginal Way attracts over 500,000 annual visitors who become customers for local businesses.

The draft mission statement should be revised to specifically state that the Survivability Committee will examine the survivability of the Marginal Way and the Beach and develop mitigation approaches which when employed would buttress the survival of each natural asset.

## **2. The State of Town Benches**

Jeanne Roche discussed the state of Town benches, which are located throughout Town and not those on the Marginal Way.

Jeanne had received complaints from the public that many benches were in disrepair and required updates and potentially replacement.

The bench total is approximately 75 with 37 on the Marginal Way and the balance located around Town.

All benches were sold on the basis that perpetual care would be provided.

Jeanne had discussed the state of the non Marginal Way Benches with the Town Manager who asked Jeanne to follow up.

The bench files were placed in the Town Archives in the early 2000's. While the benches on the Marginal Way have received the attention of the Marginal Way Committee, that is not the case with the non Marginal Way benches.

The balance in the Bench Fund is approximately \$30K. An effort to maintain and upgrade the non Marginal Way benches would seriously deplete the Bench Fund.

A suggestion was made that 6 new benches be located on the Marginal Way with the location of these benches designated by the Marginal Way Committee. The suggested price for each new bench would be in the range of \$25K to \$50K. These benches would be offered through a lottery.

Another suggestion was that the existing bench owners could be assessed a fee to restore the Bench Fund.

No action was taken other than to request that the bench file be retrieved from the Town Archives and the contents reviewed to determine the owners of each of the non Marginal Way benches and verify the location of each bench.

## **G ADJOURNMENT**

This meeting adjourned @ 5:15PM.

The next meeting of the Marginal Way Committee will be held on November 4 @ 4PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul Breen  
Secretary

