

APPROVED MINUTES
MARGINAL WAY COMMITTEE
MONDAY, June 2, 2020
DUNAWAY CENTER
4:00 PM

A.ROLL CALL

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

Members Excused- M. Serums

A quorum was noted.

B. MINUTES

The minutes of Marginal Way Committee meeting held on 5.4.20 will be reviewed at the next Committee meeting.

C.TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer reported that as of May 27, 2020, \$6,029 is available for expenses through June 30,2020.

D.CHAIR'S REPORT

1.Caution Signs

The caution signs related to the town requests for the masking and separation of individuals walking on the marginal way have not yet been installed.

2. 2020 POD Day

The 2020 POD day scheduled for mid August has been canceled due the potential COVID 19 effects on the volunteer pod pickers

E OLD BUSINESS

1. 2021 Budget

The 2021 budget proposed to support operations of the Marginal Way Committee has been reduced to \$14,300 in anticipation of reduced FY 2021 revenue caused by the pandemic.

2. Plantings on the Marginal Way

A review of the recently installed planting on the marginal way indicates that the plants are strong and growing.

The area surrounding the plaque site will be addressed by John Patten's crew and paid by the Marginal Way Preservation Fund.

3. FEMA Reimbursements

FEMA has allocated the funds for the initial set of completed approved repairs to the

Marginal Way but the Town has not been received these funds to date.

A number of proposals are being discussed with federal and state officials, which provide for the transmittal of approved FEMA dollars so that the next set of storm damage repairs can commence.

4. Sustainability Committee

The Sustainability Committee has not met to define proposed projects and the related priorities. A meeting is anticipated in the next month.

5. Cutting of Brush on the Revetment adjacent to the river

Discussions continue to identify resources to support the cutting of brush growing in the revetment adjacent to the river.

6. Experiment with caterpillars to deter Black Swallow Wart invasive plants

The second year experiment to determine the effects of exposing black swallow wart invasive plants to caterpillars has been cancelled for 2020.

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Marginal Way Boundaries

The Chair noted that Elaine Cooper has created a compendium of information related to the boundaries of the Marginal Way including plans and photos and town deeds. In many cases, survey markers have been located but a few have not identified. Effort will be expended to locate the missing markers but if that search is fruitless, a surveyor will be hired to locate the missing markers.

2. Discussions of Potential Rules for Public Access to the Marginal Way

Discussions addressed the partial compliance of new town pandemic rules by walkers on the Marginal Way.

G ADJOURNMENT

This meeting adjourned @ 5:00 PM.

The next meeting of the Marginal Way Committee will be held on Monday July 6, 2020 @ 4PM. This meeting will employ video conferencing facilities.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul Breen
Secretary