



**MINUTES  
MARGINAL WAY COMMITTEE  
MONDAY, JULY 6, 2020  
DUNAWAY CENTER  
4:00 PM**

This meeting was held vis ZOOM

**A. ROLL CALL**

Members Present - Louesa Gillespie, Paul Breen, Joan Griswold, Kirsten Arnold, Gail Brother and Elaine Cooper

Members Excused - M. Serums

Video Teleconferencing was employed.

A quorum was noted.

**B. MINUTES**

The minutes of Marginal Way Committee meetings held on 5/4/20 and 6/2/20 were approved by the Committee.

**C. TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Treasurer reported that as of June 30, 2020, \$21,319 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 physical separations of individuals walking on the Marginal Way were installed.

**2. Conditions on the Way**

The Chair reported that the town crew working on the Marginal Way had not trimmed the vegetation on the path and the DPW will be contacted to trim this vegetation.

Visitors have disposed used facemasks by dropping them on the ground. The disposal of these masks needs to be added to the Marginal Way cleaning tasks for the Town Crew.

The Chair discussed procedures being employed to eliminate sumac on the Way.

Bayberry bushes were replaced on Town land adjacent to the O'Leary property.

Herbicide spray treatment was applied by a qualified herbologist to selected black swallow wart invasives on the Marginal Way in the ongoing work to eliminate this invasive. This treatment was most effective when applied to the underside of these plants, as application of that product on the upper side of the leaves is less effective.

## **E. OLD BUSINESS**

### **1. 2021 Budget**

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

The proposed budget for FY21 of \$14,309 is subject to voter approval on 7/14/20.

### **2. Plantings on the Marginal Way.**

The area surrounding the plaque site was refreshed by John Patten's crew and paid by the Marginal Way Preservation Fund.

### **3. FEMA Reimbursements**

The Chair announced that the Town had received a check of \$676,502.97 from FEMA for the reimbursement of damages to Town property caused by March 2018 storms. Included in this total is \$90,586.12 to cover a portion of the repairs to damages areas on the Marginal Way.

The Committee will begin the process of planning for the repair of the remaining storm repair projects starting with the determination of project priorities and creation of bid packages for those projects. The repair schedule is under development with a goal of completing some of the remaining storm repair projects by next spring.

### **4. Sustainability Committee**

The Sustainability Committee will meet on July 23, 2020 to discuss proposed projects, develop a list of projects to be conducted by the Sustainability Committee, prepare budgetary estimates and define project priorities.

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

A plan is being developed to provide for the cutting of brush growing in the revetment adjacent to the river.

### **6. People Counter**

The following table updates the people count for the Marginal Way as of 6/30/20:

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
January	Not Installed	No Data	2,274	3,817	6,030
February	Not Installed	No Data	7,050	2,798	8,472
March	Not Installed	No Data	7,079	8,365	11,497
April	Not Installed	No Data	16,821	17,631	112
May	Not Installed	No Data	31,875	30,846	272
June	Not Installed	No Data	48,982	55,978	21,124
July	66,259	60,176	70,443	78,150	
August	96,539	142,314	70,896	83,768	
September	67,380	154,593	57,907	62,877	
October	41,982	55,145	35,726	45,612	
November	15,347	12,181	9,260	12,899	
December	No Data	4,081	8,244	8,213	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>287,507</b>	<b>412,228</b>	<b>366,557</b>	<b>410,954</b>	<b>47,507</b>

Grand Total=1,524,753

## F. NEW BUSINESS

### 1. Marginal Way Boundaries

The Chair proposed work on identifying the boundaries to locate the missing boundary markers of the Marginal Way to commence in the fall. This work will draw upon the work done by Elaine Cooper and will define the situations where some abutters have placed plants on Town property.

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

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

## G. ADJOURNMENT

This meeting adjourned @ 5:30 PM.

The next meeting of the Marginal Way Committee will be held on Monday, August 3, 2020 @ 4:00PM. This meeting will employ Zoom video conferencing facilities.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul Breen  
Secretary