

MARGINAL WAY COMMITTEE
MONDAY, March 5, 2018
DUNAWAY CENTER-4PM

A. ROLL CALL

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

K. Arnold and L. Gillespie were excused.

A quorum was noted.

H. Horn, the retired Chair was present.

A resident, J. Baker, was present.

B. MINUTES

The minutes of the Committee meetings on January 8, 2018 and the February 5, 2018 were deferred until the next Committee meeting.

C. TREASURER'S REPORT

The balance in the Marginal Way's Beautification Fund as of 2.28.18 was \$80,103.

As of 2.28.18, the balance in the Town account dedicated to specific Marginal Way Committee tasks for FY18 was \$30,702.

D. CO-CHAIR'S REPORT

1) Storm Damage to the Marginal Way

The nor'easter extending from March 2 through 5 raked the Marginal Way with tides of 12.5' to 13.5' combined with 3' surge and 50 knot winds. The storm produced a number of problems including: scooping of soil from plants, trees and shrubs located on the outboard side of the path resulting in root exposure of plants, trees and shrubs along the way, displacement of stones in masonry walls located south of bench #32, destruction of the revetment located at the ocean side of Stearns Ave and Israel Head Rd and movement of a few large stones from the revetment south of the Lighthouse.

Additionally, the damage from erosion issues previously noted by the Erosion Audit on the Marginal Way had been exacerbated.

The overriding concern of the Committee was that corrective actions and annual maintenance need to be implemented in a timely manner so minimize further erosion of this asset.

A group comprised of Joan Griwswold, Darren Dixona and Kevin Garfield plan to tour the way on March 6 to assess the storm damage, which will allow Joan to prepare a damage audit for that Storm. The various problems will be prioritized and the results of this audit will be presented to the Select Board for action.

A suggestion was made and agreed to that the Erosion Control efforts be coordinated with the proposed list of corrective actions emanating from the damage audit.

Paul Breen will schedule with a landscape contractor, a visit to the Marginal Way in the next week to assess those areas to which erosion control efforts should be applied immediately. Members of the Select Board, Town Manager, the Town Staff and the Marginal Way Committee will be invited to participate.

With respect to the problem at the base of Stearns Ave, a suggestion was made that a consultant be engaged to define the technical features capabilities, which should be incorporated in an RFQ for required corrective actions to the revetment at the end of Stearns Ave.

In a related matter, a contractor should be queried to provide an estimate for the repair of this problem.

E. OLD BUSINESS

1) Invasive Control

Work on invasive control efforts for the Marginal Way focused on the removal of bittersweet from various areas along the way.

2) Biocontrol Project

As previously reported, applications had been submitted to allow for executing a biocontrol project, which will determine the effects of the biocontrol control on Black Swallow Wart located on the Marginal Way.

The remaining review is being accomplished by the Department of Agriculture who will determine the suitability of transport of the biocontrol across state lines.

3) Trail Grant

A comprehensive plan for replanting shrubs and plants along the 300' embankment at the project area has been developed. The cost of implanting this plan is estimated @ \$15,000 drawn from the Marginal Way Committee Beautification Account.

Based upon the severe damage of plants and shrubs along the Marginal Way from the nor'easter on March 2 through 5, concern was expressed that these plants would be washed away by future storms.

A suggestion was made that the replanting of the 300' embankment at the project area be revised with large rocks placed in a cluster along the project area with a modicum of plants placed within the cluster. If these plants survive over a growing season additional plants could be added. A proposal describing the proposed changes in plantings is being prepared and will be presented to the Select Board at their meeting the latter part of March.

Discussion addressed engaging a Landscape Architect to assist in the development of a replanting plan for the Trail Grant embankment.

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

Geoff Avila from Civil Consultants was in attendance and reported the weather has not allowed the staff from Civil Consultants to conduct surveys of the project area but if nature cooperates, the survey will be completed by the end of March. Geoff will discuss a draft of their report at the April Committee meeting.

5) People Counter

The following chart summarizes the pedestrian traffic count on the Marginal Way for CY16, CY17 and CY18 through 2/28/18.

	2016	2017	2018
July	66,259	60,176	
August	96,539	142,314	
September	67,380	154,593	
October	41,982	55,145	
November	15,347	12,181	
December		4,011	
January			2031
February			7500
Total	287,507	421,239	9531

6) Social Media

The Town Attorney and Town Manager informed the Co-Chairs that teleconferencing should not be used as part of a formal meeting of the Marginal Way Committee as the State of Maine Open Meeting Law precludes the use of that technology.

F. NEW BUSINESS

1) Intern

A discussion addressed a proposal to create a seasonal position for a summer intern who would deal with horticulture issues on Town property including the Marginal Way, the Beach, the Parks, the Museum and the areas around RT#1. The summer intern would be recruited from local universities with the Marginal

Way Committee preparing the job description and coordinating it with the Town Manager. The recruiting of candidates would be accomplished by traveling to the local universities, UNH and UNE to interact with the Department Chairs and obtain a list of candidates.

The Intern would be placed in the town employ and would be assigned to the various operations, which would supervise their work.

G. OTHER

None

H. ADJOURNMENT

This meeting adjourned @ 5:30PM.

The next meeting of the Marginal Way Committee will be held on Monday, April 2, 2018 @ 4PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul Breen
Secretary