

MARGINAL WAY COMMITTEE
MONDAY, July 9, 2018
DUNAWAY CENTER-4PM

A. ROLL CALL

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

J. Oliver was excused.

A quorum was noted.

B. MINUTES

The minutes of the Marginal Way Committee meeting on June 4, 2018 were approved.

C. TREASURER'S REPORT

The balance in the Marginal Way's Beautification Fund was not available and will be provided at the next Committee meeting.

D. CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair reviewed the Marginal Way repair costs and the status of DEP approval for permit applications.

E. OLD BUSINESS

1) Invasive Control Program

Work has been initiated to control Bittersweet at various locations on the Marginal Way.

2) Bio Control Project

Approval has been granted by the relevant governmental agencies to begin the moth experiment, which is aimed at reducing the viability of the Black Swallow Wart plants on the Marginal Way.

The experiment involves the insertion of cultivated caterpillars at a site on the Marginal Way, which contains an infestation of Black Swallow Wart plants. These caterpillars will be enclosed within a tent, which will constrain their movements to that area. The caterpillars will feed on the Black Swallow Wart during the season and winter at the site.

500 caterpillars will be shipped to Ogunquit in the next few weeks and placed within an enclosed tent structure on a to be selected site on the Marginal Way for the experiment.

The Committee agreed to purchase 500 caterpillars, a tent and related enclosure using Beautification Funds.

An assessment plan is under development in coordination with the Marginal Way Committee, Maine Fish & Wildlife and the US Agriculture Dept.

3) Trail Grant Project

The proposal to add a revetment between benches 11 and 12 is being deferred until the Stearns Road revetment RFP is developed.

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

Goeff Avila was unable to attend this months meeting to summarize the results of the engineering study and topographical survey, which was conducted at the Eroded Embankment on the Marginal Way adjacent to the Beachmere Inn. This topic will be deferred until the next meeting of the Committee.

5) People Counter

The following chart summarizes the pedestrian traffic count on the Marginal Way for CY16, CY17 and CY18 through 7/11/18.

	2016	2017	2018	
January	Not Installed	No Data	2,274	
February	Not Installed	No Data	7,050	
March	Not Installed	No Data	7,079	
April	Not Installed	No Data	16,821	
May	Not Installed	No Data	31,875	
June	Not Installed	No Data	48,982	
July	66,259	60,176	23,938	as of 7/11
August	96,539	142,314	-	
September	67,380	154,593	-	
October	41,982	55,145	-	
November	15,347	12181	-	
December	No Data	4081		
Total	287,507	412,228	138,019	837,754

Note- July 2017 only has data from 7th -30th

The total number of walkers on the Marginal Way for the period 7.7.17 to 7.11.18 is

550,247.

6. Social Media

Plans are being made to use social media to inform the public of ongoing Marginal Way Committee projects and events. Docent T shirts were created for the members and volunteers of the Committee. These will be worn when participating in events on the Marginal Way.

F. NEW BUSINESS

1) DEP Permit Approval for Repairs to the Marginal Way

DEP approval of a few permits required for initiating repairs has been delayed as the DEP indicated the review of the submitted permits might require a 3-month delay.

Further discussions with the DEP resulted in approval of a few permits with the stipulation that the permit approval of the remaining submissions will require a more formal and lengthy review cycle by the DEP.

Work is progressing on those sites for which permits have been approved. A few repairs were completed during this period.

2) State of Finances for Marginal Way Repairs

a) Marginal Way Repair Funds

The voters approved a warrant article in June, which potentially made available \$350,000 for Marginal Way Repairs. The potential total of the Marginal Way repair funds including the \$350,000 approved by the voters is \$495,000.

The funds expended to date on Marginal Way repairs are \$178,161.

b) Previously Approved Funds for the Marginal Way Committee

\$33,000 had previously been approved for use by the Marginal Way Committee for various projects for the Marginal Way. Of these funds, \$12,800 were paid or encumbered and \$20,200 transferred to the Marginal Way Repair Fund.

3) Drone Aerial Video of Proposed Repairs Overlaid on GIS Maps

The Committee viewed a demonstration of the initial version of the Drone video produced by Walsh Engineering, which illustrated a real time view of the damaged areas on the Marginal Way. The Committee also reviewed a few paper copies of representative scenes extracted from the drone views.

The Committee agreed that the drone video lacked a perspective of the damaged areas as the drone was positioned too close to the Marginal Way and that the drone view should be redone with the drone positioned at a longer range from the Marginal Way to provide a better perspective of the damaged areas.

When the new video version is completed and reviewed by the Committee, this video will be shown to the Select Board during a public hearing.

4) Landscape Architect for the Marginal Way

The Chair proposed that a Landscape Architect firm, Richardson & Assoc, be engaged to develop landscape architecture proposals for 3 repair sites. This firm will address the vegetation, topography and drainage of these sites and make recommendations as to design approaches, plantings and materials.

Richardson & Assoc. will use the data obtained from the Drone survey developed by Walsh Engineering in the development of these new proposals.

The Committee agreed to allocate up to \$9500 for this activity using Marginal Way Repair Funds.

5) POD Day

The Black Swallow Wart POD Picking day will be held on the Marginal Way on Saturday, August 18th from 9AM to 12 PM. Volunteers will meet at the Lighthouse.

H. ADJOURNMENT

This meeting adjourned @ 5:30PM.

The next meeting of the Marginal Way Committee will be held on Monday, August 6, 2018 @ 4PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul Breen
Secretary