

MARGINAL WAY COMMITTEE
MONDAY, August 6, 2018
DUNAWAY CENTER-4PM

A. ROLL CALL

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

A quorum was noted.

B. MINUTES

The minutes of the Marginal Way Committee meeting on July 9, 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

No work was accomplished on invasive during the past month.

2) Bio Control Project

The initial delivery of caterpillar larvae had delivery problems and only 75 survived the transport. These were installed at the site.

The volunteer cadre was briefed as to the procedures to be used during the experiment. The periodic monitoring and recording of information commenced.

A grant request was developed asking the Piscataqua Garden Club to support the bio control experiment. The grant will be submitted in mid August.

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

The discussion on the Engineering Report, which defines the design and assumed cost of the repair to the Eroded Embankment, has been deferred until 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
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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	70,443	
August	96,539	142,314	11,149 (Thru 8.6.18)	
September	67,380	154,593	-	
October	41,982	55,145	-	
November	15,347	12181	-	
December	No Data	4081		
Total	287,507	412,228	196,673	895,408

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

The total number of walkers on the Marginal Way for the period 8.1.17 to 8.6.18 is 557,725.

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 worn by Committee members on the Marginal way and resulted in positive conversations between visitors and the Docents.

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

The funds expended to date on Marginal Way repairs are \$56,881.

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 Chair reported that ½ of the revised drone view has been completed by Walsh Engineering,

4) Landscape Architect for the Marginal Way

The Chair reported that discussions had been held with a Landscape Architect to provide suggestions to be used in preparing the embankment between benches 10 and 12 for the spring planting of native salt tolerant plants.

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 @ 5:15PM.

The next meeting of the Marginal Way Committee will be held on Monday, October 1, 2018 @ 4PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul Breen
Secretary