

MARGINAL WAY COMMITTEE  
MONDAY, October 1, 2018  
DUNAWAY CENTER-4PM

**A. ROLL CALL**

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

A quorum was noted.

The Chair of the Select Board, Charles Wade, was present

**B. MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes of the Marginal Way Committee meeting on August 2018 was deferred until the next Committee meeting.

**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 on invasive control commenced during the past month.

**2) Bio Control Project**

The viability of the moth larvae, which is the basis of the bio control experiment, is in doubt.

Observer reports over the past two months indicate that the larvae did not survive the summer following insertion into the site on the Marginal Way. The gestation cycle should have resulted in moths being produced in a few weeks after the larvae were planted but none have been detected. Possible causes were the extended high temperatures experienced during the planting period and/or the shock experienced by the larvae during the delivery of the larvae to the site.

Discussions have been held with the project leader @ URI with no conclusions yet drawn as to the cause of this failure.

A grant request was submitted in mid August by the Marginal Way Preservation Fund to the Piscataquis Garden Club asking for support to bio control experiment with the result that the Piscataquis Garden Club awarded \$1,245 to support this experiment. The Club will send these funds later this year.

**3) 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 estimated cost of the repair to the Eroded Embankment, was deferred until next meeting of the Committee.

**4) People Counter**

The following chart summarizes the pedestrian traffic count on the Marginal Way for CY16, CY17 and CY18 through 9.30.18.

	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	
<b>January</b>	<b>Not Installed</b>	<b>No Data</b>	<b>2,274</b>	
<b>February</b>	<b>Not Installed</b>	<b>No Data</b>	<b>7,050</b>	
<b>March</b>	<b>Not Installed</b>	<b>No Data</b>	<b>7,079</b>	
<b>April</b>	<b>Not Installed</b>	<b>No Data</b>	<b>16,821</b>	
<b>May</b>	<b>Not Installed</b>	<b>No Data</b>	<b>31,875</b>	
<b>June</b>	<b>Not Installed</b>	<b>No Data</b>	<b>48,982</b>	
<b>July</b>	<b>66,259</b>	<b>60,176</b>	<b>70,443</b>	
<b>August</b>	<b>96,539</b>	<b>142,314</b>	<b>70,896</b>	
<b>September</b>	<b>67,380</b>	<b>154,593</b>	<b>57,907</b>	
<b>October</b>	<b>41,982</b>	<b>55,145</b>	<b>-</b>	
<b>November</b>	<b>15,347</b>	<b>12181</b>	<b>-</b>	
<b>December</b>	<b>No Data</b>	<b>4081</b>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>287,507</b>	<b>412,228</b>	<b>313,327</b>	<b>1,013,062</b>

The total number of walkers on the Marginal Way for the period 9.30.17 to 9.30.18 is 384,734.

**5. Social Media**

Committee members acting as Docents wearing Marginal Way T shirts walked on the Marginal Way and answered questions from visitors. The result was positive conversations between visitors and the Docents.

Photographs of the repair work were posted for the public.

**F. NEW BUSINESS**

### **1) DEP Permit Approval for Repairs to the Marginal Way**

Work is progressing on those sites for which permits have been approved.

### **2) State of Finances for Marginal Way Repairs**

The funds expended to date on Marginal Way repairs as of 9.30.18 are \$77,342

### **3) Development of Audit Trail for FEMA Reimbursement**

The Town has initiated an Audit Trail for all projects associated with the storm damage to the Marginal Way. This initiative is the result of a FEMA requirement requiring agency-formatted documentation for any FEMA reimbursement. The Town has hired an administrator to support the documentation processes and post the repair costs for the storm repairs as part of this Audit.

### **4) Lead Contractor to Provide Oversight for Marginal Way Repairs**

The Chair described a process being accomplished by the Town aimed at selecting the Engineering Lead Contractor to oversee Marginal Way Repairs.

As part of this process, the Town had published a solicitation to determine contractor interest for selection as Lead Contractor. The solicitation produced eight responses, which was culled to 3.

Discussion addressed the criteria, which would be used to select the successful Lead Contractor. Suggested criteria were: Experience on projects which dealt with the assessing and repair of coastal natural geologic structures, number of employees in the project cadres and references and costs of completed projects.

The Committee agreed that if that the assessed contractor did not have the relevant experience, that firm should not be selected, as this program should not be treated as a training ground.

The Chair asked for a list of specific questions by 10.5.18 so that they could be incorporated in the next set of discussions with potential Engineering Lead Contractors. A list of these items is attached.

### **4) Drone Aerial Video of Proposed Repairs Overlaid on GIS Maps**

No Discussion

### **5) Erosion Control**

Discussion centered on the poor state of the path re Erosion Control. Comment was made that the proper materials may have been applied but the result shows that that are not being applied properly as the erosion is still apparent.

Comment was made that if the Town cannot perform this work in a proper manner, it should contracted out to a landscaping company.

### **6) POD Day**

The Black Swallow Wart POD picking day was held on the Marginal Way on Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup> from 9AM to 12 PM. A total of 750s# of Black Swallow Wart pods were collected, brought to the Transfer Station and burned.

**H. ADJOURNMENT**

This meeting adjourned @ 5:30PM.

The next meeting of the Marginal Way Committee will be held on Monday, November 5, 2018 @ 4PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul Breen  
Secretary