

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

**A. ROLL CALL**

Members Present- P. Breen, J. Griswold, J. Oliver and L. Gillespie  
Member Absent- K. Arnold (Excused).

A quorum was noted.

Carol Murray, Public Works Supervisor, was present.

Helen Horn was present.

**B. MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes of the Marginal Way Committee meetings on August 2018 and October 2018 were approved with minor corrections.

**C. TREASURER'S REPORT**

The balance in the Marginal Way's Beautification Fund was \$82,646.39

**D. CHAIR'S REPORT.**

The Chair introduced Carol Murray the Public Works Supervisor [cmurray@wellstown.org](mailto:cmurray@wellstown.org) who performs a dual role in that position for the Towns of Ogunquit and Wells.

The Committee discussed with the Carol Murray the need to provide a proper sized Town crew to perform mowing, pruning and cleaning of the Marginal Way in the season and the need to properly install erosion control material as part of the erosion control program for the Marginal Way. Carol Murray indicated that these issues would be resolved.

**E. OLD BUSINESS**

**1) Bio Control Project**

The viability of the first biocontrol experiment, which used moth larvae, is in doubt. The larvae did not survive the summer following insertion into the site on the Marginal Way.

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

The grant request submitted by the MWPF to the Piscataqua Garden Club to support the bio control experiment was approved and a check was received for \$1,400. These funds will be used to support the second year program activities of the biocontrol experiment.

**2) Trail Grant Project**

The revetment requires a resetting of the revetment stones as a result of the March storms. The estimated cost to complete this task is \$7200.

### **3) Engineering Study of the Eroded Embankment on the Marginal Way abutting the Beachmere Inn.**

Paul Breen described the results of a meeting on 10.30.18 with Geoff Aliva, which addressed Civil Consultant's recommended repairs to the Eroded Embankment on the Marginal Way adjacent to the Beachmere Inn.

The assumptions used in this study were reviewed, namely that the paved path in the project area be widened to a nominal 5', the repair will not affect the viability of the existing hedge located between the Marginal Way and the Beachmere Inn.

The project area will extend approximately 300' on the inboard side of the Marginal Way where the path width is constrained to less than 5', beginning at the gate at the north end of the Beachmere property and running south on the Marginal Way to the south end of the Beachmere property, the project section of the path will be repaved to provide a 5' width and pertinent parts of the project area be reseeded as required.

This repair requires a DEP permit. The permit will be approved in 2 weeks after a permit request is submitted to the DEP

The recommended repairs consist of two efforts, installation of a 75' granite stone wall and an approximate 225' section in which the eroded embankment will be regraded to support a 5"width on the path.

The project will commence on the Marginal Way at the gate located at north end of the Beachmere property. From there, a 75' long granite wall will be installed on the inboard section of the Marginal Way to hold the soil in the elevated eroded portion of the grade, which abuts that section of the Marginal Way.

Granite blocks will be used to form a wall to support the adjacent elevated grade. The top of each granite block will be installed concurrent with the surface of the grade and will be placed at an approximate 45-degree angle from the horizontal to provide support for the elevated grade. The front surface of each granite block will be smooth. The side surfaces of each block will provide for a smooth connection to adjacent blocks. The granite blocks will be positioned so that visitors cannot walk on the top of the wall.

Each granite block will have the following minimum dimensions: 48" long, 6" to 8" thick and 36" to 48" high (dependant on available sizes).

The color of the granite will blend with the environment.

Moving south on the project area, the elevated embankment will be regraded to provide for a widening of the path to a minimum of 5’.

The path in the repair area will be repaved to provide the nominal 5’ width. Pertinent areas will be reseeded as required.

Project cost estimates are being obtained from local landscape contractors and will be available in the next month. The cost of the granite blocks (20 sheets of granite, 4’ long, 3’ wide and 6” to 8 “ thick) is estimated at \$8,400 delivered to Ogunquit.

Tentative project costs are estimated at \$50,000.

Visits will be made to local granite vendors to obtain samples of available granite materials.

Access though the Beachmere property will allow for the granite blocks to be delivered to the project site.

**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>35,726</b>
<b>November</b>	<b>15,347</b>	<b>12,181</b>	<b>-</b>

<b>December</b>	<b>No Data</b>	<b>4,081</b>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>287,507</b>	<b>412,228</b>	<b>349,053</b>	<b>1,0148,788</b>

**F. NEW BUSINESS**

**1) DEP Repairs to the Marginal Way**

The Chair reported that masonry repairs for the various projects on the Marginal Way have been completed for this season with the exception being a few of the masonry repairs require backfill. This will be accomplished in CY19. The balance of the work on masonry projects will be addressed in CY19.

The Chair reported that examination of the Marginal Way in the vicinity of Bench 37 at the Cedar Grove indicated that the cliff is eroding. Walls are being installed to buttress that area.

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

The Emergency Repair Fund Revenues Total	\$157,624.
Expenses to date Total	\$107,498.
Balance to date in Fund	\$50,127

The \$100,000 Capital Improvement funds approved by voters in June 2018 for use in repairing the Marginal Way has not been tapped.

**3) Lead Engineer to Provide Oversight for Marginal Way Repairs**

The Chair reviewed the rationale for hiring a Lead Engineer to oversee Marginal Way Repairs.

A Lead Engineer will define the scope and costs of prospective repairs, support the proposed project during budgetary discussions, prepare engineering documentation required for specific RFPs and oversee the selected contractor once the repair contract is awarded.

The Committee voted to support the hiring of a Lead Engineer to deliver the scoping, costing and oversight of Marginal Way repair projects.

**4) Prospective Art Exhibitions on the Marginal Way**

Louesa Gillespie presented a proposal from the Museum of Modern Art and the Marginal Way Preservation Fund that juried art be installed on the Marginal Way in season. The art would consist of a sculpture and a media piece selected by the Director of the Ogunquit of Modern Art. The art would be removed at the end of the season.

The location and costs for this project have not yet determined. Approval from the artists and the Town will be required before this project can proceed.

**H. ADJOURNMENT**

This meeting adjourned @ 5:30PM.

The next meeting of the Marginal Way Committee will be held on Monday, December 3, 2018 @ 4PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul Breen  
Secretary