

APPROVED MINUTES
MARGINAL WAY COMMITTEE
USING ZOOM FACILITIES
May 2,2022, 4 PM

A. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Joan Griswold, Louesa Gillespie, Elaine Cooper, Susan Olson Drisko, Jane Greene, Joanne Resta, Joyce Fletcher and Paul Breen.

Gail Brother was excused.

A quorum was noted.

B. MINUTES- Paul Breen

The minutes for the meeting of the Marginal Way Committee held on 3.7.22 were approved with minor corrections.

The minutes for the meeting of the Marginal Way Committee held on 4.4.22 were approved with minor corrections.

C. TREASURER's REPORT – Gail Brother

Gail reported that of the \$20,000 approved budget for expenditures this FY, \$9166.99 has been spent as of May 1, 2022, and a balance of \$10,833.01 remains.

D.CHAIR REPORT- Joan Griswold

1. Plantings on the Marginal Way

Plantings continue to be installed along the Marginal Way.

Work continues in applying invasive controls.

2.Plant Fair

The plant fair sponsored by Healthy Rivers for Ogunquit will be held on May 21 at Beach Plum Farm from 10AM to 2PM. The Rain Date will be May 22.

The Marginal Way Committee will sponsor 2 tables at the Fair.

3.Incorporation of the Marginal Way into the National Register of Historic Places

The Committee will walk the Marginal Way to identify a few sites for the location of a plaque noting the incorporation of the Marginal Way into the National Register of Historic Places.

4.POD Day.

The Subgroup, formed to suggest special potential celebration for the Volunteers on POD Day, will report at the next meeting on the results of their discussions.

E- OLD BUSINESS

1. People Counter-Gail Brother

The People Counter report through April 2022 will be reported at the June meeting.

2.Trail Monitor Group– Elaine Cooper

Eight Trail Monitors have been walking the Marginal Way since April 21 and reporting on issues which have been distributed to the DPW for action.

There have been reports of multiple unidentified persons loitering around the A Frame home on the Marginal Way. The Chair will advise the Code Officer about this incident with the suggestion that this property be posted.

3.Volunteer Hours for Marginal Way Committee

Members-Gail Brother

Volunteer hours for the period from July 2021 through April 2022 inc. will be reported at the June meeting.

4. A Grant Program for a Sustainability Assessment for the Marginal Way -Paul Breen

The Maine and Shore Program Office's grant program description listed a diverse set of potential applications for which the grant funds may be employed including: development of harbor improvements , development of climate vulnerability assessments and resilience plans for waterfront infrastructures, development and

implementation of regulatory and non-regulatory approaches to waterfront conservation and improvement , development of public and commercial access inventories, development of capital improvement plans to finance waterfront improvements and economic analysis to document the value of small ports and harbors.

The Ogunquit grant request asked for State funding to conduct a Sustainability Assessment for the Marginal Way to develop a plan for reducing the vulnerability of the Marginal Way's Infrastructure from increased Sea Rise, higher Tides, and more robust Storms postulated for next few decades.

The Maine Shore and Harbor Program Office announced that the Ogunquit grant request for funding to conduct a Sustainability Assessment for the Marginal Way has been rejected.

A meeting will be held with the Town Manager to discuss alternate sources of funding for the proposed Sustainability Assessment for the Marginal Way.

Melissa Britsch, the Project Officer for the Shore, and Harbor Grant Program , was contacted and she will send the Committee the list of successful grant applicants and the project descriptions for the recent grant awards.

Melissa noted that the letter to the Town Manager about the Ogunquit grant contained a section which identified some suggestions for improving future proposals.

The Chair will ask the Town Manager for a copy of that letter, and when received, the Committee will discuss next steps.

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Marginal Way Preservation Fund- Louesa Gillespie
Louesa reported that the Marginal Way Preservation Fund is jointly sponsoring a funding raising benefit concert with Portsmouth Pro Musica to be held at the York First Parish Church on Friday, May 6.

2 Geology Lectures-Joyce Fletcher

Monthly seasonal geology lectures have been proposed to be delivered by Jason Jutras to small groups of visitors on the Marginal Way.

Jason has performed this service for the Town for the past few years.

An issue has developed as his submitted CD indicated that he was a consultant to the Marginal Way rather than a guest speaker speaking on the geology formations on the Marginal Way.

The Geology consultant at Bowdoin will be asked to speak to Jason in order resolve this discrepancy.

3. Southern Maine Planning Development's Commission Climate Change Effort - Joan Griswold
Joan followed up on a climate change activity being sponsored by the SMPDC. SMPDC has hired GEI to support the conduct of a resilience study of climate change on the coastlines of the 10 towns in southern Maine.

Discussions with Abbie Sherwin from the SMPDC indicated that this study has been initiated and results will be not available until later this year.

Ogunquit's interest was to determine if this study would address erosion changes on large glacial formations.

The question was raised would the vulnerability work proposed in the Ogunquit grant request to the Shore and Harbor Program Office conflicted with that proposed by GEI?

Abbie stated that no conflict is anticipated as the Ogunquit proposal addressed specific vulnerability projects on the Marginal Way while the GEI study is more general and not specific to any particular location.

4. Comprehensive Plan - Joan Griswold

The Chair of the Comprehensive Plan Committee has asked all Town committee to provide inputs to the next Comprehensive Plan.

The following questions were asked by the Chair of the Comprehensive Plan Committee to be answered by the Marginal Way Committee

1. What's going well?
2. What do you see as risks?
3. Where would you like your committee/department to be in
5/10 years?
4. What would you recommend as strategies to get there?

This topic, the related questions and potential answers will be discussed in a future meeting of the Committee.

The Chair asked the members to review the Marginal Way Strategic Plan in the context of the 2004 COMP PLAN which may be found at the Town Web site.

G. Adjournment

No Public Comments were noted.

The next meeting will be on Monday ,June 6,2022 @
4PM.