

**REVISED APPROVED MINUTES
MARGINAL WAY COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 3, 2022, 1PM in person**

A. ROLL CALL -Members present: Joan Griswold, Elaine Cooper, Susan Olson Disco, Joyce Fletcher, Jane Greene , Louesa Gillespie Gail Brother and Paul Breen.

Joanne Resta was on travel.

A quorum was noted.

B. MINUTES -Paul Breen

The minutes for the meeting of the Marginal Way Committee held on 9.12.22 were approved.

C. TREASURER’S REPORT - Gail Brother

There will be no formal reports until financial reports are received from the Town.

Of the Committee’s \$24,000 annual budget, invoices for \$5,104 have been submitted, leaving a balance of \$18,896.

D.CHAIR REPORT

1.Seaside Garden

A proposed policy developed by the Marginal Way Committee addressing the selection of plants in the Seaside Garden was presented to the Town Manager:

2. Plaque Noting the Incorporation of the Marginal Way into the National Register of Historic Places.

The walk scheduled by the Marginal Way Committee to identify a few sites suitable for locating a plaque noting the incorporation of the Marginal Way into the National Register of Historic Places has been delayed and will be conducted next month.

The cost of the proposed plaque to be installed for the Centennial will be determined prior to the Centennial.

3. Coastal Conference

The Chair attended a one-day conference in Saco focused on possible solutions to problems facing coast communities along the Maine coast.

The Chair met a staff member from the Maine Research Institute, Hannah Barnes, who has experience with the conduct of Sustainability Assessments. She will be contacted to discuss the proposed Sustainability Assessment for the Marginal Way.

4. Southern Maine Development Planning Group

The SMPDG is being funded to conduct a resilience study of 10 coastal Towns from Kittery to Biddeford. including Ogunquit, located along the Maine coast.

A resilience study addresses the population within designated area, lists the risks and environmental factors for that area and defines the infrastructure within that area, all of which are related to emergency management decisions for outreach, planning, mitigation, response and recovery.

Each Town within the Group will propose potential sites for the study with the funding approved by many of the Town representatives within the Group.

The project sites areas listed for Ogunquit did include the Marginal Way.

Elaine Coorer Cooper will represent Ogunquit at the Workshop on October 12th.

5. FY24 Budget Request for the Marginal Way Committee

a) Budget

A draft copy of the FY24 Budget Request for the Marginal Way Committee has been submitted to the Town Manager. The proposed FY24 budget total is \$39K.

This budget provides for expenditures in three areas: horticulture -contractor labor and material, plants, mulch and irrigation, a modest sum for outreach and education and funds to purchase and install a bronze plaque memorizing the 100th anniversary of the Marginal Way.

Work will continue to eliminate invasives and support the maintenance of the Seaside Gardens.

b) FY23 Progress Report

A Project FY23 Progress report in Appendix 1 lists 15 sites on the Marginal Way which have been designated as rewild areas for the Marginal Way.

Invasives are being removed and native plants, trees, shrubs, perennials and ground covers installed with irrigation. All sites are monitored for the presence of undesirable plant species.

All access paths will be monitored for invasives, and all trees checked and treated for damage.

c) FY24 Proposed Project Plan

The Proposed Summer, Fall, Winter Project Plan for CY23 is listed as well as the Proposed Projects for CY24 are attached.

d) Supporting Data

Pedestrian traffic counts and volunteer hours for FY23 support the FY23 Project Plan and the review of the proposed FY24 Project Plan.

The projected CIP funding estimates for proposed construction projects for FY24 through FY28 will require the approval of significant funds to accomplish the required tasks.

6. Sources for 2 Granite Site Markers

An inquiry will be made to determine the cost of 2 new granite markers, 6 inches by 6 inches by 2 feet deep. These markers will replace two markers whose locations could not be found.

7.Repairs to the Marginal Way

The Town is discussing whether to complete the remaining repairs from 2018 without FEMA funds. Conversations between the Town Manager and the Treasurer and FEMA are ongoing to see if MY FEMA funds can be transferred to other Town projects.

Further information will be presented as it develops.

8. Development of a Web Site for the Marginal Way Committee- Elaine Cooper & Jane Greene

Jane and Elaine are working to develop a web site for the Marginal Way Committee.

E.OLD BUSINESS

1. People Counter – Gail Brother

The People Counter reports for the multiyear period from 2018 to 2022 and for the month of August 2022 may be found in Attachments 2 and 3 respectfully.

2. Trail Monitor Group– Elaine Cooper

Reports continue of visitors taking dogs on the Marginal Way during restricted periods, riding bikes on the Marginal Way, not cleaning up dog waste and smoking on the Marginal Way in violation of the Marginal Way rules.

The Chair discussed requesting that a CSO Officer be placed on the Marginal Way during tourist season to limit these infractions.

3. Volunteer Hours for Marginal Way Committee Members-Gail Brother

The Volunteer hours for the months of July and August 2022 may be found in Attachment 4.

The total value of volunteer hours performed to-date for this fiscal year is \$19,621.

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Marginal Way Preservation Fund- Louisa Gillespie

The Quarterly Board meeting of the Marginal Way Preservation Fund will be held on Friday, October 28th.

The outline of the proposed Centennial celebrations for 2025 should be provided to the Board prior to their meeting including requests for funding to support the proposed activities.

2. The 2025 Centennial Celebration of the Marginal Way – Joan Griswold

a) Activity

The Chair outlined the proposed activities of the Centennial for the Marginal Way which will be held in June of 2025.

The Chair suggested that the Marginal Way Committee should be the lead for organizing the set of activities associated with recognizing the 100th anniversary of the Marginal Way.

b) Organizations

Possible organizations invited to participate in this celebration could include the Ogunquit Library, the Ogunquit Museum of American Art, the Winn House, the Historical Committees of Wells and Ogunquit, the Ogunquit Chamber of Commerce, Ogunquit Performing Arts Association, local Garden Clubs, the Art Community including the Barn Galley and the Levitt Theatre.

c) More details will be forthcoming after discussions with the Town and after formation of the Centennial Committee.

G. Adjournment

No Public Comments were noted.

The next meeting of the Marginal Way Committee will be held at 4PM on November 7, 2022.