

Cliff Walk Committee

December 12, 2016; 5:30 – 7:30

Wheeler Room, York Public Library

Approved MINUTES

Members Present – Bob Luttman, Bob Gordon, Ted Little, Diane Kleist, Elizabeth Bardwell and Tom Rose

Members Absent – Mary Andrews, Jon Speers

Others – Dylan Smith - Town Planner

Mike Sullivan – Director York Parks & Recreation

Robin Kerr – Conservation Coordinator York Parks & Recreation

Public – Micah Smart, David Chase, Bette Rose

The meeting opened at 5:30 pm.

1) Welcoming Remarks and Announcements – Chairman Bob Gordon opened the meeting and again welcomed Mike Sullivan, Director of York Parks and Recreation, as an invited guest. This was a follow up to Director Sullivan participation in our November 14th meeting. There were no other announcements.

3) Minutes of the November 14th Meeting – Elizabeth Bardwell moved for acceptance of the minutes and seconded by Ted Little. Minutes were approved by a vote of 6-0

4) Discussion with Mike Sullivan on Questions Presented in his Message of November 23rd – Mike Sullivan introduced Robin Kerr to the Committee and he explained that Robin will take the lead on his department's activities on the Cliff Walk. He explained that Robin currently has several roles in his department and including the upgrading and maintaining the hiking trails on Mount Agamenticus. These trails are quite similar to the Cliff Walk in that they are Town trails that cross private property. Robin said that she has already started a review of the Cliff Walk in order to determine the degree of difficulty as a hiking trail, adding GPS Coordinates for the Walk and identification of problems requiring repair and/or maintenance. There was discussion about the possible path improvements and the Committee members agreed that the Cliff Walk should remain a rough path and any improvements should focus on providing information for the walkers and overall safety while communicating with the property owners about these improvements.

Sullivan asked the Committee for direction on the **Cliff Walk Sign** and the proposed **Gate**.

The **Sign** issues are content, location and number of signs needed. He provided a photo of the present sign and asked the Committee approve or revise the sign content. The location and number of signs are dependent on where the walkers enter the Walk (Harbor Beach, Hartley Mason Park or current end of the Walk). The **Gate** questions are type (wood, rod iron, aluminum, chain link), method of closing (locked, easily moved, etc.) and location/number (Harbor Beach, Closer to Reading Room property, current end of Walk). Following discussion, we decided to form a work group (Bob Luttman, Elizabeth Bardwell, Robin Kerr and the possible addition of a member of the Friends of the Cliff Walk) to develop recommendations for presentation at the January 9th Committee meeting.

5) Review of Cliff Walk Maps prepared by Dylan Smith – Dylan displayed a number of maps that showed the entire Walk from Harbor Beach to Cow Beach with several expanded versions that clearly showed the actual Walk in detail including owner properties. These documents will serve to clarify future discussions.

6) Review and Discussion of the revised Letter (Status Report) to CW Property Owners. The Committee approved the revised letter submitted by Bob Luttman and it will be sent to all Cliff Walk property owners from Harbor Beach to Cow Beach. The final version of this letter will include a copy of the Ordinance that was approved by York voters in the November 2016 election. The letter release date will be determined by the Committee during the January 9th meeting.

7) Public Comments and Questions. Bette Rose, representing the Friends of the Cliff Walk, presented information about a Video Presentation by Bill Baker that will show his personal history with the Walk. This Video Presentation will soon be completed and available for public use in the spring.

8) Set Dates for Future Committee Meetings – The Committee agreed to the following dates for subsequent Cliff Walk Committee meetings in 2017:

January 9

February 13th

March 13th

April 24th

May 8th

9) Next Agenda – January 9th Meeting – Parks and Recreation Department Update, CW Property Owners letter

10) Executive Session: Pursuant to 1 M.R.S. 405(6)(C) to discuss legal issues and real estate matters regarding the Cliff Walk. Moved by Ted Little and seconded by Elizabeth Bardwell.

11) Move to Adjourn. Ted Little moved and Bob Gordon seconded.