

Cliff Walk Committee
April 11, 2016; 5:30 – 7:30
Wheeler Room, York Public Library
Amended and Approved MINUTES

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

Members Absent – None

Others – Beth Della Valle, Consultant;

Public – Mariah Mitchel, David Chase, Dorothy Healy and Bette Rose

The meeting opened at 5:30 pm.

1) Welcoming Remarks – Beth Della Valle and Chairman Bob Gordon

2) Comments and Questions from the Public Attendees: David Chase recommended that the Committee review some degradation in the Cliff Walk near the Reading Room and further up on the cemented portion of the Walk. He said that there were cracks in the cement on the ocean side of the Walk in several locations and repairs were needed. Dorothy Healy reported that the upgrade in the Sewer pumping station near the Peterson property was still not completed and she was concerned that this project could confuse people walking on the Cliff Walk in this area when the project was completed. Bette Rose asked what the Committee had accomplished in the last six months and she urged that the Committee engage the homeowners along the Cliff Walk to determine what their concerns were.

3) Minutes of March 14, 2016 meeting. The minutes had been distributed by E-mail last week and Ted Little moved for acceptance and was seconded by Elizabeth Bardwell. The committee voted in favor by 7-0.

4) Executive Session: Pursuant to M.R.S. 405(6)(C) to discuss legal issues regarding the Cliff Walk moved by Mary Andrews and seconded by Bob Luttman.

5) Committee Report for April 25th BOS Meeting - update on activities and issues. Beth Della Valle provided the format for this report and an initial list of activities. She will prepare an initial report by April 17th and ask Committee members to comment and provide additions or deletions. The final report will be sent to the Town Manager by April 20th and forwarded to the BOS by Friday, April 22nd. The presentation of this report will take place at the BOS meeting on April 25th and at least four members of the Cliff Walk Committee will participate.

6) Coastal Access Grant: Beth Della Valle reported that we will not be able to participate in this Grant Program this year because we did not meet the threshold requirement for consistency with the Town's Comprehensive Plan. At this point, we do not have enough time to prepare an application. Beth said that we could look for other sources of funding in the short term.

7) Next Agenda – May 9th

- Update on Strategy with Town Attorney
- Report on Meeting with Board of Selectmen
- Information Sheet on Liability, Privacy, Maintenance, Signage, Enforcement of Rules
- Add “Outreach Strategy” to following Meeting on June 13th

8) Cliff Walk Site Walk: In response to David Chase’s Report and suggestion that the Committee follow up on the need for repairs on the Cliff Walk, we discussed several approaches for an on-site visit. Bob Luttman suggested that we schedule a Public Site Walk for the Committee members and members of the Public. This will be treated as a public Committee meeting. We decided to schedule this Site walk on May 4th starting at the Harbor Beach Bath House at 9:00 am. Beth Della Valle will prepare the public announcement and post it on the Town’s weekly schedule.

9) Adjourn at 7:15 pm. Moved by Ted Little and seconded by Mary Andrews.