

York Cliff Walk Committee
March 14, 2016
Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Bob Gordon (Chair), Ted Little, Mary Andrews, Diane Kleist, Elizabeth Bardwell, Bob Luttman, Beth Della Valle, Mary Costigan

Absent: Tom Rose

Meeting was called to order at 5:32PM

1. Public Comment Session

Ron Nowell of York suggested that the map library at the University of Southern Maine might have one or more maps relevant to the Committee's work. Also, that pertinent maps may be misfiled at the York County Registry of Deeds in Alfred. Beth will look into it.

2. Motion by Mary Andrews, seconded by Ted Little:

“That, pursuant to 1 M.R.S. §405(6)(E), the Committee go into Executive Session to discuss with its attorney the Board's legal rights and responsibilities and legal issues regarding the Cliff Walk “

Motion approved unanimously. The Committee went into Executive Session at 5:40PM

The Committee returned from Executive Session at 6:15PM and resumed the public meeting.

3. Dorothy Healy of York requested an update on the Committee's status and progress so that she could inform the Friends of the Cliff Walk.

4. Motion by Ted Little, second by Diane Kleist, to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2016 meeting as submitted. Motion approved unanimously.

5. State Limit of Landowner Liability Statute

Beth Della Valle discussed the statute and its possible application to the Cliff Walk. She will download and distribute the statute to Committee members.

Mary Costigan will research and present current case rulings on the statute and its implication for the Cliff Walk

6. Landowners' Concerns

Several potential concerns were discussed. The Committee will gather concerns during any meetings with landowners. Dorothy Healy addressed concerns of the Friends of the Cliff Walk and how the Friends might help address landowners concerns.

7. Cliff Walk Committee Budget

Beth informed the Committee that the Board of Selectmen had approved adding, subject to voter approval, two line items to the 2016-17 Town Budget:

1. \$4,500 for Committee Operations
2. \$7,500 as matching funds for possible grants to support the Committee's work

The Committee discussed adding a separate line item for Cliff Walk maintenance, but Beth informed the Committee that the BOS preferred to wait until the Walk's status and maintenance needs were more clear.

8. Next Committee meeting: April 11, 2016 at 5:30PM at the York Public Library

9. Motion by Ted Little, second by Bob Gordon, to adjourn. Approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55PM

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Luttman
Acting Secretary