

**Rights of Way of the Town of Rockport  
Summary of the Meeting of September 28, 2015**

*Approved*

**Rockport Town Hall**

The meeting called to order at 7:05 PM, Tom Kerans presiding. No quorum.

**Members Present:**

Tom Kerans, Mary Devaney, Tom Mikus

**Members Absent:**

Phil Morrow, Jill Solomon, Lori Morrow

**Attendees:** Ted Tarr, Phyllis Krenn, Jeff Hunter, Jane Gale

**Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of 8-17-2014 were edited. We need a quorum to approve them.

**Welcome to New Member**

Lori Morrow was approved as a member of the committee by the Board of Selectmen.

**Massachusetts Fisheries Grant**

The town is requesting a grant. Selectman Erin Batistelli suggested we request funding from the grant to clear paths and repair the storm damage on the Atlantic Path. The deadline for submission is October 23, 2015. Tom M. will review our previous grant proposal and work with Erin to include ROW in the new grant.

**Halibut Point to Atlantic Path Field Trip**

The night after the August meeting (August 18) Lori and Phil Morrow, Tom K., Tom M., and Mary Devaney made a site visit. The Rockport Sea Rocks in front of the house are difficult to navigate.

We did not walk the path formerly used by the town. Tom K. will go with Ted Tarr to locate it.

**ROW Archives**

Tom K. received a call from Ann Sheinwald's son requesting we pick up ROW archives that were stored in her house. The archives were picked up and are now stored in the Town Hall Committee Office.

**ROW Content on Town Website**

Tom M. reported the website has minimal information and is not up to date. Work on the new town website is progressing. It will be launched on October 15, 2015. After the launching, Tom M. will work on upgrading our site.

**Associate Members**

Board of Selectmen ruled that ROW could not have Associate Members. Several persons suggested that it would benefit the Committee to be able to have them again.

**Management Report**

The Management Report was not received this month, because the temporary town accountant quit. There has been no replacement.

## **Long Beach**

Jane Gale lives near Long Beach and asked the Committee if we could do anything to improve access to Long Beach. A court ruling has limited public access to fire lanes between the houses and is being enforced by the police. This restriction has inconvenienced persons who have been walking there for years. Since it is a legal matter, there is nothing the Committee can do.

## **Captains Reports**

### **Tom Kerans**

Pine Pit, Curtis Street Tracks Conservation Area

### **Phyllis Krenn**

Many downtown signs are missing. Phyllis listed numerous places where the Rights of Way are unmarked. She will make a list of what signs are needed and report at a future meeting. Replacing them will be a project.

### **Phil and Lori Morrow**

Atlantic Path

Reeds Lane

The Avenues

### **Tom Mikus**

Old Garden

Headlands

Marmion Way

In order to accommodate more cars, Tom M. suggested that angled parking be used at the Headlands.

### **Ted Tarr**

Kieran Preserve (Between Straitsmouth and Marmion Way)

This 10 acre property is managed by the Conservation Commission. Ted Tarr is working on a trail from Straitsmouth Way to Richards Avenue. Tom Mikus suggested that a more professional sign be placed to mark area and trails.

### **End of South Street**

Area acquired by the town. No action to date.

### **Mary**

Rockport Woods

Meeting Adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Devaney

Secretary

**Next Meeting: Monday October 26, 2015**