

**Rights of Way of the Town of Rockport**  
Minutes of the Meeting of October 27, 2014  
*Approved*  
**Rockport Town Hall**

The meeting called to order at 7:00 PM, Tom Kerans presiding.

**Members Present:**

Tom Kerans, Marcia Siegel, Mary Devaney, Jill Solomon, Jane Moginot, Phil Morrow, Bill Mueller,

**Members Absent:**

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

**Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of 9-22-2014 were approved.

**Update on Atlantic Path Work**

Tom stated that Matt Natti has reported that all work as been completed.

The Curtis property is still a problem. Jane said that it is now blocked with a broken fence and garden debris. "No Trespassing" is written on the rocks. On the James property rose vines block the path.

**Graffiti on Rights of Way Sites**

Mary and Jill reported on presentation of graffiti to the Selectmen. Linda Sanders is requesting that the Selectmen appoint an Anti-Graffiti Task Force. The meeting will be held tomorrow night.

**Signs Downtown**

Phyllis and Bill walked the rights of way downtown where previously stenciled signs have worn off. Signs pointing to White, Middle, and Lumber Wharf need to be replaced. Wendy Stone-Asche has painted "private property" on a wall to make it seem the wharf is private. Welcoming benches were suggested as a way to show the area is open to the public. Bill suggested we come with a plan for the area. Marcia, Bill, and Phyllis will research the possibilities; come up with a plan; and when approved by the committee submit it to Linda Sanders.

**Other Signs around Town**

Bill noticed some signs are backward and point in the wrong direction, etc. Bill said he would work on this. Phyllis found the sign inventory from 2010. We need a an updated list designating which signs are misplaced, missing, etc. so we can determine what is needed. Phyllis will get Gil's inventory. The town has a total of 39 rights of way signs..

**Los Angeles**

Bill met with Linda Sanders regarding this troubled right of way which runs between Haven and Phillips by the James Sculpture Garden. A total of 4 private properties abut the path. On the one quarter of the path of Los Angeles which belongs to Mr. James, the town does not have an easement. Even so, we have a 15 foot right of way which is enough for a footpath. Now that that has been settled we will clear it. There is no sign there now. Another path runs across Los Angeles in a T-shaped crosspath. This too needs to be cleared.

## **Reeds Lane**

Bill has raked the last pile of chips.

## **November Volunteer Cleanup Day**

On Saturday November 15th we will meet at the new tool shed at 10 AM to distribute tools. At 10:30 we will meet at the top of Reeds Lane to clean up areas on the Atlantic Path, Reeds Lane, Los Angeles, and the nameless cross path.

## **Captains Reports**

### **Hillside Road**

Tom emailed Chief of Fire Department regarding the blocking of the road. A trailer has been placed across it.

### **Flatrock**

The Flatrock sign is gone.

### **Cathedral Way**

A Private Way sign has been put up by the owners of a new house. This neighborhood dispute continues to be a problem. A "no trespassing sign" is at Breakwater, another at the other end of the road at Cathedral. It is important that this be straightened out because the road is the connection from the Tool Company to the Atlantic Path. It was suggested we bring this up at the Legal Seminar.

### **Hooper Property**

The town owns the rocks to the ocean and we wish to reopen this section of the Atlantic Path so it will be continuous to Halibut Point. The old path was through the sassafras grove. Jill will find out what happened to the letter Matt Cegelis wrote, then contact the Hooper heir, Mrs. Cobb.

### **New Business**

Ann Sheinwald died two weeks ago. She was the founder of this committee. At the next meeting we will watch a cd of her work.

### **Management Report**

\$3304.00 is left in our budget.

The FORROW gift money totals \$3000.00 and has no deadline to be used.

A mistake was made regarding our purchases from Smith Hardware. Tom will discuss this with the town accountant's office. and request it be noted correctly.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM

Seconded and approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Devaney  
Secretary