

Next Meeting: Monday June 24, 2013 at 7:00 PM

**Rights of Way of the Town of Rockport
Minutes of the Meeting of May 20, 2013**

Rockport Town Hall, Room A

Approved

Meeting called to order 7:00 PM, Marc Prince presiding.

Members Present:

Tom Kerans, Bill Mueller, Marcia Siegel, Mary Devaney, Jane Moginot,
Marc and Mary Prince, Phyllis Krenn

Members Absent: Sue Thurson

Associate Members: Ted Tarr,

Guests: Zenas Seppala

Announcements:

Phyllis Krenn has submitted resignation letter to the Selectmen.

The Quorum issue can be resolved. Phyllis will check up on this at the end of August to make sure an article is processed through the Town Administrator.

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Corrected and Approved.

Management Report:

\$2230.04 left in account. It must be spent by June 30, 2013

Prioritized expenditures:

Motions made, seconded, and approved:

1. \$1000.00 for Matt Natti for trail work
2. \$1000.00 for Batistelli to clear the Atlantic Path
3. Use rest on lawnmower and sign for rest area
4. Clear Los Angeles
5. Clear Reeds Lane

Other possible expenditures:

1. Clearing Hillside Road path

Old Business:

Cape Ann Tool Company

Discussion:

1. DEP meeting will be held in May.
2. Plans for proposed floats and slips may not be legal because developer does not have the right to change the harbor. Fishermen and Harbormaster oppose plan.

3. Anything approved under the old plan which has not been changed still exists, including benches and lighting.
4. Walkway has been reduced from 13 feet to 10 feet
5. Guest Zenas Seppala reported that the new plan has no provision for storing boats or floats when they have to be taken out of the water.
6. Guest Zenas Seppala also reported that under Chapter 91 public access is required all along the harbor.

ROW interest is the loss of the public park and walkway continuing from Breakwater Avenue along the shoreline and exiting to Granite Street along southern property line. Some of this has been lost in the new proposal.

Motion made and seconded to submit letter by email to Mr. Alex Strysky of DEP:
Bill Mueller will draw and submit the letter.

Main Points:

1. We want a cross walk to continue the path that we are entitled to by chapter 91.
2. To state it positively, we like the path from Breakwater, but it needs to continue to Edgemere.
3. There can be no storage of slips or boat at any time on the walkway.
4. We request safe, continuous lateral access along the shore line.
5. Bill Mueller will send the email by Thursday

Reeds Lane

For now, improvement will include no drains, just planting of grass.

Atlantic Path

1. Curtis

Letter from Town Administrator has not been sent to Curtis, but signs have been moved and are no longer directly on the Atlantic Path.

Moved and seconded that we paint over the "no trespassing" signs painted on rocks to alter the path.

1. Bill Mueller will paint rocks.
2. Bill will make repairs to the steps.

We will revisit the matter next fiscal year to see if additional labor and materials are needed.

2. Hooper Property

Ted Tarr suggested Town Administrator contact the old **Hooper property** owner and request path behind the house on the western part be reinstated as part of the Atlantic Path. Path would then be continuous to Halibut Point.

Moved and seconded that reestablishing the link to Halibut be put on agenda for next meeting.

Hillside Road

1. We will wait to see what Joe Parady and his lawyer find regarding Right of Way.
2. Nick Holland offered CAT to clear Right of Way when status of road is known.

Captain's/ Overseers Reports:**Signs**

Discussion of destruction of signs in Dogtown. Proposed that signs be place too high for average person to reach.

Nothing has been done regarding signs requested from DPW. Marc will contact them regarding this.

New Business:

Moved and seconded that Marc Prince and Tom Kerans will Co-Chair.

Marc Prince presented retiring Chair Phyllis Krenn with gift and card. thanking her for her leadership and many years of service.

Comments:

Ted Tarr reported that land behind water tower on town property on way to Steel Derrick is being cleared. Noted that town gave up claim to the right of way.

8:42 motion to adjourn.

Next Regular Meeting:

Monday, June 24, 7:00 PM, Town Hall, Conf. Rm. A

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Devaney