

Rights of Way of the Town of Rockport

Minutes of the Meeting of March 23, 2015

Approved

Rockport Town Hall

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

Members Present:

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

Members Absent: Phil Morrow

Attendees: Ted Tarr, Phyllis Krenn, Diane Cartwright and Tom Mikus, 73 Marmion Way

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of 2-23-2014 were approved.

Survey of Winter Damage to Atlantic Path

Bill will supervise an assessing of damage on the Earth Day cleanup April 25, 2015. Minor repairs and clean up will be done.

ROW Pages on Town Web site

Tom Mikus offered to help us to update our website fixing links which are no long working. Bill offered to work with him on the project.

Continuation of Discussion Regarding Land Use Seminar

Bill and Tom met with Linda regarding clarity on questions we think we were unanswered. Town will pay for a title search on Oakland and Sacramento. See below on California Avenues update.

Earth Day Planning

On Saturday, April 25, 2015, we will hold our annual Earth Day cleanup event. Ted and Tom will pick up tools from the storage area. Tom will call Linda regarding liability forms. It would be helpful to have Matt Natti check out the power tools. Assembling of tools, volunteers, and bags, etc. begins at 8:00, work will begin at 9:00. All will meet at Bill's, 6 Green Street.

On Sunday, April 26, 2015 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM an Earth Day fair will be held at Cox Reservation, Essex County Greenbelt. Bill has been active in organizing this. He and Marcia will represent ROW.

California Avenues Update

Tom and Bill met with Linda and discussed the trails with town counsel. All easements are in place from Phillips Avenue. This includes Pine Avenue Extension, where it makes a T with Los Angeles. Oakland and Sacramento, which are overgrown, can be cleared when the title search is completed.

At this point in time:

Trailheads are up.

Los Angeles is clear.

Pine Avenue Extension is clear.

Letter Pertaining to Hooper Property

The original letter, written by Matt Cegelis, was edited in January. Jill will email the current edition to Tom, and we will discuss it at the next meeting.

Management Report**Blue Books**

\$179.10 put into the gift account which are proceeds from the Toad Hall sale of Rights of Way Blue Books. We will discuss the books next month.

Budget

We have \$2756.00.

Members made suggestions and discussed what the committee needs.

Granite markers could be purchased to hold trail markers.

Benches and a table to be placed on the walk near Lumber, Middle Wharf, and White Wharfs were discussed. This would give walkers a destination to rest and enjoy the view. It would enhance the area. Further discussion will be held at the next meeting.

Captain's Reports**Signage**

Phyllis has pictures, taken by Gil McCarthy, of 38 signs placed in town. Phyllis will scan them and send to Tom.

New Business**Ann Shienwald**

Email was sent to Debbie Powers regarding honoring Anne Shienwald at Town Meeting. Marcia edited the tribute and submitted it to the town.

Fish Shack Bench

Fish Shack is supposed to have a bench under Chapter 91. They need to be reminded to replace it.

Lumber, Middle, White Wharfs

Graffiti needs to be removed.

We will have a field trip to plan where to place a bench. Tom will check with Linda and the DPW regarding permission and cost of benches.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Devaney
Secretary

Next meeting April 27, 2015