

**Rights of Way of the Town of Rockport**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of June 27, 2016**  
**Rockport Town Hall**  
*Approved Minutes*

The meeting called to order at 7:04 PM, Tom Kerans presiding.

**Members Present:**

Tom Kerans, Mary Devaney, Tom Mikus, Lori Morrow, Phil Morrow

**Members Absent:**

Jill Solomon

**Attendees:** Christina Wolfe, Phyllis Krenn, Matt Natti

**Update on Atlantic Path/Mass Fisheries Grant**

Matt Natti submitted invoices for work performed to maintain and repair the Atlantic Path so it will be passable to Halibut Point. The work performed was discussed. Funds from the ROW budget and from the grant from Mass Fisheries were approved for payment. Phil Morrow recommended that when the project is completed, we document the work and submit pictures to Mass Fisheries (Ross Kessler) to illustrate that this has been an excellent use of the funds granted.

Signage was discussed. We will revisit this when the project is complete. Possible sources are DCR, MA Fisheries, Halibut Point State Park, the Trustees of Reservations, the Town of Rockport, and and Natti Tree.

**Old Business**

**Blue Books**

Mary Devaney reported that she met with Matt Barrett, GIS Project Manager for the town regarding scanning the Blue Book for the purpose of putting Rights of Way locations and maps on our website. Matt does not want us to do that at the present time. He is currently engaged in compiling information from all available sources, including the Essex County Registry of Deeds, to verify town Rights of Way and trails. He would like to meet with representatives of our committee to explain his work. When Matt has completed his research, the final maps will be layered on the town website. At that point we can choose what is relevant to our mission and put it on our website. Matt would like to review what we present to the public make sure it is accurate. Tom M. and Mary Devaney will schedule a meeting, then email members of the committee of the date and time in case others can attend.

**Hillside Road**

Mary Devaney reported that Joe Parady won his court case to keep Hillside Road open. The Hickey property was for sale. The Committee will keep an eye on the property to ensure that the historic trail which connects to Blueberry Road and the North Woods is not permanently lost to the town.

**Innkeeper's Walking Guide**

Tom Mikus reported that he met with Peter Weber of the Chamber of Commerce regarding the Walking Guide published by the Chamber. Peter stated that the information in the guide was provided by the Innkeepers. No one seems to know the source of the map. Tom distributed copies of the Guide.

**Steve Winslow**

We have not had further contact with Steve since he made a presentation at our meeting. To keep the connection alive, Tom M. suggested we be represented when Steve meets with the Board of Health, Wednesday at 6:30 at the Town Hall Annex. ROW would like to have a Rockport Heart Healthy walking map similar to Gloucester's.

**New Business**

Matt Natti left a load of chips at Reeds Lane. Phil Morrow said he will be spreading them at 5:00 PM, Wednesday, and asked for assistance.

**Captain's Reports**

None

**Management Report****Budget**

\$3304.00 on hand

**Gift Account**

\$3686.47 on hand

Due to town cutbacks, our budget will be reduced to \$1000 fiscal 2017.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.**

**Next Meeting: Monday July 18, 2016**

**7:00 PM Town Hall Conference Room A**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Mary Devaney**

**Secretary**