

Rights of Way of the Town of Rockport
Minutes of the Meeting of August 25, 2014

Approved

Rockport Town Hall

Meeting called to order 7:00 PM, Tom Kerans presiding.

Members Present:

Tom Kerans, Bill Mueller, Marcia Siegel, and Mary Devaney, a quorum was not met

Members Absent: Jane Moginot, Jill Solomon, Phil Morrow

Attendees: Ted Tarr, Phyllis Krenn, Matt Natti

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of 7-28-2014 cannot be approved since a quorum was not met.

Allocation of Mass Fisheries Grant Funds for Atlantic Path

Tom Kerans reported that the Atlantic Path projects presented by ROW were approved by Ross Kessler, our contact for Mass Fisheries.

Atlantic Path abutter Mrs. Cagnina has denied access to the Committee for clearing, but has not cleared his section of the path as agreed. Cagnina needs to be contacted regarding this through the town administrator.

Matt Natti reported on the work he has done on the path. The whole Atlantic Path has been cleared within the budget. There is enough money to cover the two planned masonry projects.

There was a discussion of the problem of access across the Hooper property. It was suggested that it would be helpful to involve the Trustees. Bill offered to talk to Ramona Latham of the Trustees of Reservations regarding the connection to Halibut Park.

Marcia and Phyllis met informally with Linda Sanders and discussed the Atlantic Path. Linda said she would support the maintenance of the Atlantic Path. She appreciated pictures being sent to her to document what needs to be done.

Tom and Marcia encountered Don Curtis who told them his property extends all the way to the ocean, and he wants to maintain that part of the path himself. Christina stated his deed also denotes the Atlantic Path Right of Way. The committee wants him to understand that the path needs to be made easily accessible to the public.

Issue of Graffiti on Rights of Way Sites

Mary was asked to send photo documentation of vandalism to Tom.

He will forward them Selectman Chair Sarah Wilkinson and Town Administrator Linda Sanders.

Tools

The Conservation Commission has graciously allowed ROW use of its shed on Pigeon Hill Street. All of our tools are in the shed.

Joe Parisi of DPW was instrumental in getting us this space to store our tools. Tom noted the relationship is going well.

Matt Natti recommended that we use Motomix to oil all of our tools.

Police Reports

No response regarding graffiti.

Trail Mapping

Bill will take over from Matt and contact Peter van de Mark.

Captains Reports

Phyllis Krenn

The Flat Rock sign is rusted.

There is no bench by the Fish Shack

Greenery is growing over the Delamater sign.

She reported that the Wednesday Sunset Group meets at Dawn Avenue, off Longbranch Avenue on rocks at Andrews Point.

Marcia Siegel

Emerson Point is covered with poison ivy.

New Business

Ted Tarr reminded us we need to reestablish a path at the South End Water Tower. The former right of way is blocked by the Whalen's new house. Mrs. Whalen has agreed to a replacement path.

Meeting Adjourned

8:20 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Devaney

Secretary