

Next Meeting: Monday August 26, 2013 at 7:00 PM

Rights of Way of the Town of Rockport
Minutes of the Meeting of July 22, 2013
Rockport Town Hall, Room A
Unapproved

Meeting called to order 7:03 PM, Marc Prince presiding.

Members Present:

Tom Kerans, Bill Mueller, Marcia Siegel, Sue Thurson, Mary Devaney, Marc and Mary Prince,

Members Absent: Jane Moginot

Associate Members: Ted Tarr, Phyllis Krenn, Christina Wolfe

Guests: Zenas Seppala (92 Granite Street), Toby Arsenion (95 Granite Street), Jill Solomon (15 High Street), Jane Montecalvo (92 Granite Street), Matt Cegelis and Ruth Schneider (24 School Street)

Announcements:

Authorization for payment of bills for fiscal 2012-2013 requires signatures of ROW members. Approval form was circulated and signed by members who were present.

Minutes 6/24/2013

Corrected and Approved.

Management Report

Fiscal 2013 Accounting

Cape Ann Tree Service for clearing of Reeds Lane	\$ 970.00
Cape Ann Tree Service for clearing the Atlantic Path	\$1,000.00
Unexpended Balance for 2013	\$ 230.00

A small dispute over supplies with W.B. Mason will be addressed by Phyllis Krenn.

New Operating Budget:

6/30/2013 to 6/30/2014 \$2,304.00

Old Business

Atlantic Path

Bill Mueller walked the path with Matt Natti. Atlantic Path is scheduled to be cleared this week. Discussion followed regarding painting over unsightly painted signs on the rocks. The Committee wishes to keep the path natural, marked with cairns.

Repairs to the path are needed. Bill Mueller will be working on these with Matt Natti.

Reeds Lane

On Friday, Sue Thurson, Marcia Siegel, and Tom Kerans worked on Reeds Lane and pulled four brush piles up to the top of the path for removal by the DPW. This coming Friday at 7:00 AM work will resume. Some brush remains and wood chips need to be spread. All help is welcome.

Naming and signage for Rest Area was discussed. Motion made and seconded to approve a

\$300.00 sign marking the area. Vote authorized purchase of the sign.

Los Angeles

Bill Mueller reported that Bill James, who owns property on both sides of the path, has submitted a package, prepared by his attorney, which contains maps, documents, and a survey. Los Angeles is a path legally owned by the town. It runs down to the rocks, but is not cleared that far. After reviewing the package, Bill Mueller will set up a meeting on site with Mr. James and a few ROW members.

New Business:

Pigeon Hill/ Steel Derrick's Trails

Loss of parking on Pigeon Hill Court is the result of a petition by six neighbors. Marcia Siegel talked with the police who referred her to the Traffic Committee which is run by the town administrator, police chief, and the head of the DPW. Ownership of the woods is unknown. Apparently, the intention to ban parking was published, so there is probably little we can do to rescind it.

Toby Arsenion initiated discussion of the ban of dogs on trails at Steel Derrick. According to maps from the assessor's office, the road constructed by the Pigeon Hill Association (owner of Steel Derrick property) is partially on town property. The Association appears to be using a town owned field adjoining the property. Toby requested that the Committee determine if the Association has the right to ban walkers with dogs from the paths and roads which surround the quarry.

Christina and Mary will research the rights of way around Steele Derrick-Pipeline Road.

Halibut Point/ Atlantic Path

Discussion of hoped for continuous, uninterrupted path from Cathedral Rocks to Halibut Point. No action taken. To be continued.

Volunteers

Marc Prince received a call from Ann Cooney who wished to volunteer to help with projects. As a result, guests at the meeting offered to help and signed up.

Prospective volunteers for ROW

Jill Solomon	978-369-2331	jill@jillsolomon.com
Jane Montecalvo	978-546-3128	janem151@aol.com
Matt Cegelis	480-398-5759	mattcegecis@email.com
Ruth Schneider	480-398-5759	mattcececis@email.com
Ann Cooney	info not available	

Old Business:

Signs

Bill Mueller reported the DPW still has not put signs leading to the Atlantic Path in the right places, nor have they replaced missing signs. Cathedral Avenue sign continues to be hidden behind brush.

Tom offered to talk with Joe Parisi of DPW to determine what can be done.

Marcia suggested the only way to get action may be to get on the agenda for a DPW Commissioners meeting. To date, we have been working with DPW employees Joe Parisi, Chuck Osmond, and Danny Rapp.

Meeting adjourned 9:02 PM

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Respectfully submitted,

Mary Devaney