



**Cliff Walk Commission
MINUTES**
March 15, 2017
5PM: Newport Public Library

IN ATTENDANCE

Commission Members: Peter Janaros (Chair), Lesley Brooking-Elms, John Hirschboeck

City of Newport: Scott Wheeler, Building & Grounds Supervisor/Tree Warden

I. Approval of 1/18/2017 Minutes

Minutes from 1/11/17 and 2/15/17 were both approved.

II. CURRENT BUSINESS

A. Status of repairs between 40 Steps to Ruggles

Scott met with the project contractors who provided a revised schedule of repairs. Work will re-start in April, with completion scheduled before Memorial Day weekend. Lesley mentioned loose concrete at 40 Steps on the wall to the south of the restrooms near the steps. Lesley will take a picture of the area and Scott will investigate.

Permission has been granted to place a second parking terminal at 40 Steps that should alleviate the lines that form adjacent to the restrooms.

B. (Omitted)

C. Maintenance update

All vegetation cut backs have been made for the winter. The severely eroded channel on the waterside between 40 Steps and Memorial will have reinforcement material laid down (rather than loose stone) to prevent further erosion.

D. Marine Avenue, Seaview and other rights of way

Nothing to report.

E. "G.R.I.P." infrastructure project at Marine Avenue

Flood management issues will be discussed at a conference Scott will be attending. Funding continues to be explored. Peter advised that the Aquidneck Island Planning Commission Island Waters Funding/EPA grant has this project listed for consideration, with determination due in April.

F. Erosion behind the Breakers

Scott will be addressing with Jeff Curtis of the PSNC this spring.

G. Tunnel pathways

Stone block pavers will be secured by City Staff and installed in the spring.

H. Railings at Ruggles and Anglesea. Bench rusting at 40 Steps

Expandable foam needs to be experimented with to see if it will stop future rusting.

I. Prohibiting Concessions on the Walk

Peter is awaiting input from the City solicitor. He has advised the Mayor of the issue.

J. Memorial Benches update

4th bench north of 40 Steps installed. The CWC will review other possible placements in the spring.

K. New sign at Bailey's Beach

Continued. A quote for the stand has been secured from Panier.

L. Brass markers on Walk near Ledge Rd.

Scott is trying to locate a large metal punch to experiment to stamp discs that would be installed along the rocky portion of the Walk along with the existing disc markers. Lesley may have a source for the punch.

M. D.O.T. and future repairs to the Walk/fundraising

Peter and Scott met with the City Manager and Director of Public Services to discuss future Cliff Walk capital improvements and repairs and possible funding sources. Scott has been assigned to explore further grant opportunities and Peter will provide Scott with a list of contacts. The Harbor Master has agreed to provide a boat for inspection of the cliff face from the water.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. City Council Resolution

Peter provided a draft of items requested by City Council including mission, goals, purpose and tasks. He will collaborate with Lesley on its refinemen and have available for approval at the 4/19 meeting.

B. 2016 Year End Summary

John will prepare the year-end summary and submit to Peter for review.

C. New Meeting Time:

It was agreed to move the Monthly CWC meeting times to 5:15pm (3rd Wednesday of each month)

III. ADJOURNMENT

Next CWC Meeting: 5:15pm, April 19, 2017 @ Newport Public Library