



**Cliff Walk Commission  
Minutes**

Wednesday, October 18, 2017  
5:15pm: Newport Public Library

**IN ATTENDANCE**

**Commission Members:** Dave Downes, John Hirschboeck, Peter Janaros (Chair),  
Dave McLaughlin

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

**Ombudsman:** Bill Corcoran

**Citizen:** Leigh Schoberth, Preservation Policy Associate - PSNC

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes from September 13, 2017 were approved.

**II. CURRENT BUSINESS**

**A. Status of repairs between 40 Steps to Ruggles**

The area next to the restroom at 40 Steps has been seeded. Still remaining “punch list” items include new fencing at the Overlook, installation of two hand rails, one on the north side of Webster Avenue and one at the south side of Narragansett Avenue. The contractor will also repair the stone surface in front of the restrooms that was damaged. The trail marker at the Overlook will be re-mounted, not drilled into the concrete.

**B. End of Walk at Bailey’s Beach – signage status**

Two directional signs have been mounted and John has ordered the 36” X 24” locator map sign artwork. Mr. Warner suggested the CWC install a 4<sup>th</sup> map at Ledge Rd. to help guide traffic exiting the trail at that point. The CWC asked his attorney raise the subject with Mr. Warner to determine if he’d care to contribute to its installation (approximately \$2,000). To date, the CWC has not had a response.

**C. Maintenance Issues:**

1. Railings at Ruggles and Anglesea: no action taken
2. Restrooms: The suntan lotion dispenser has been removed.
3. Erosion behind the Breakers: Next steps involve placing snow fencing around the remaining goat paths to the north of the viewing platform. This awaits completion of the Breaker’s master plan.
4. Tunnel pathways: 24” X 24” X 2” stepping stones have been installed. All thanked Scott’s crew for the work.
5. Trash receptacles: Scott advised that the Clean City coordinator has left and that all requests should go to See. Click. Fix.
6. Scott will obtain a checklist from contractor.

**D. Marine Avenue, Seaview and other rights of way**

The infrastructure project at Marine Ave. remains the first alternate project due to the increase in cost.

**E. Concessions on the Walk & on-going monitoring**

No violations have been evidenced or reported.

**F. Brass markers and new map at Ledge Road**

Lesley is to locate a punch where an inscribed "CW" could be used to install on small brass markers along the rocky trail section of the Walk near Ledge Rd.

**G. Future repairs/improvements and fundraising**

Dave M. provided recommendations regarding donating by cell phone and it was agreed to investigate further. Scott will pursue a trails grant from DEM.

**H. Coordination of Google website**

Peter contacted Vic Farmer who agreed to list the Discover Newport phone number on his site should visitors have tourist-related questions.

**I. Input into CRMC regulatory process, specifically Ledge Rd. area**

Peter will provide input to CRMC if any activity/construction or modifications are proposed in the agreed upon "buffer zone."

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. New Entryway/exit to the Walk @ Marble House**

Leigh Schoberth from the Preservation Society of Newport County stated that at this point there exists no opportunity for another exit from the Walk at the Marble House grounds. The CWC requested information on what it might cost and the obstacles involved should any exit/entrances from the Walk at Preservation Society properties be undertaken.

**B. Second Restroom**

No action taken.

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 5:40pm.

The next CWC meeting is scheduled for November 15, 5:15pm