



## **Cliff Walk Commission Minutes**

5pm, March 18, 2015

Newport Public Library

- **Commission Members attendance:** John Hirschboeck, Peter Janaros, Dave McLaughlin, Bob Power (Chair),
- **For the City of Newport:** Scott Wheeler: Building and Grounds Supervisor/Tree Warden

### **I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes from the 2/17/15 CWC meeting were approved.

### **II. CURRENT BUSINESS**

#### **A. Repairs between Webster St. and 40 Steps**

The City reviewed Commonwealth Engineering's plans and bid specifications, documenting \$156,820 in additional estimated expenses. These were then approved by the R.I. Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission as part of the City's full \$347,000 request. Bob and Scott are to be thanked for identifying the availability of these funds and securing their disbursement.

The recommendation from RI HPHC will now be passed on to the National Park Service for final approval and the job will be put out for bid. Construction would begin fall 2015; the completion date is weather dependent.

In reviewing the plans, Dave expressed concern about the advisability of constructing a new fence off the diagonal walkway/plaza at Ruggles Avenue/Anglesea that would close off access to the ocean that surfers and fisherman use. Scott will be suggesting a modified version to the director that makes it clear that this is the end of the Walk along with a warning sign to stay on the paved portion.

#### **B. Routine Maintenance Report**

Due to the heavy snow, spring maintenance has been postponed and may be limited due to available help.

#### **C. Photo documentation/mileage markers**

Dave will be taking photos for documentation once the snow melts. The mileage marker placements will follow. Dave will contact the Boy Scouts to see if they can assist Dave with the markings and Dave will discuss appropriate marketing materials, such as reflective tape, with Scott.

#### **D. CRMC right of Ways**

Still no feedback from CRMC regarding Marine Avenue designation as a legal right of way to the beach, however a right of way sign has been posted. Peter reviewed a letter previously submitted to CRMC that indicated that neighbors and abutters supported the public right to access.

#### **E. No Smoking Ordinance**

Dave awaits word from the City Manager as to its status.

## **F. Trail Marker Status & sponsorships to date**

### Trail Markers

John advised that he is ready to order an additional 15 QR code plates for the markers to be installed by the Boy Scouts once he and Scott identify appropriate locations. Scott has delivered all other trail marker materials to the Scouts.

Scott will review the Panier estimate for the two panels and Carol Bowman will request quotes from another two suppliers. He and John will review final copy for the map on 3/26.

## **G. Mencoff Property Repairs**

Peter advised that last he heard was that the project wouldn't begin until the fall.

## **III. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. What's Out There Weekend – The Cultural Landscape Foundation**

John (Cliff Walk) and Scott (Miantonomi Park) will be conducting tours for the *What's out There Weekend* on May 9 and 10.

### **B. Economic Impact Survey**

John advised that the professor (s) in the Economics Department at Salve Regina would be available to discuss the parameters of the survey at the next Commission meeting.

### **C. Daffodil Days Festival, April 17, 18 and 19**

John described the various festival events, including a "*Daffy Dabble & Doodle*" off the Cliff Walk at McCauley Hall along with the annual Daffodillion Soiree at the Chanler on 4/22 (Earth Day).

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 5:50pm.

NEXT CWC MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 15, 5:00PM; NEWPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY