

Cliff Walk Committee

September 1, 2020; 10:00 – 11:30 AM

York Public Library Porch

Approved Minutes

Members Present – Bob Gordon, Bob Luttman, Diane Kleist and Tom Rose

Members Absent – Robert Palmer

Town Staff – Dylan Smith-Planning Director

Public – None

Purpose of this Meeting – Preparation for an executive session meeting with the Board of Selectmen via Zoom on September 14, 2020 at 6:00 PM

Chairman Gordon explained that this executive session with the BOS would be a discussion of the option put forth by Mr. Peterson about ending the Cliff Walk at his property in exchange for an easement out to Milbury Lane.

After discussion among the Cliff Walk Committee members, the positions on this matter represent the Committee's response:

1) While acceptance of this option was considered as a pragmatic solution, we believe that the final decision should be made by the Voters of York.

2) The Committee believes that the Cliff Walk is an historic landmark and the closures by property owners were violations of the law.

3) The Committee recommends that the BOS hold a review of the portion of the physical Cliff Walk that would be lost to the Town of York if this option were implemented. This includes the Peterson property to Cow Beach. We believe that this step would be needed to help the voters to see what is actually at stake as well as the scope of effort to restore this portion of the Cliff Walk.

4) Chairman Bob Gordon is stepping down and Bob Luttman will take over as acting Chairman of the Cliff Walk Committee. Furthermore, if the option is agreed to, we believe that there would be no reason to have a Town Cliff Walk Committee. The Parks and Recreation Department has provided the leadership and resources to restore and improve the portion of the Cliff Walk that has remained open. Their efforts have already made the Walk Safer and more Secure.