

## 2014-2015 Annual Report of the Schoodic Scenic Byway Corridor Management Committee

The Corridor Management Committee of Schoodic National Scenic Byway is happy to report on our progress in 2014 and the start of 2015.

### **Visitor Facilities**



- ♦ New way-finding and informational signs have been installed at Gordon's Wharf in Sullivan. These invite visitors, but also caution them about fast moving tidal currents.
- ♦ A public telescope was installed at the Frenchman Bay turnout. The view of the bay and MDI are great.
- ♦ The Prospect Harbor Gateway Kids Quest site has been improved with granite work and will sport new signs on lobstering in the spring.
- ♦ The Schoodic Point Shuttle bus continued to operate during the summer and will double service in 2015.
- ♦ Bike parking racks have been purchased and will be installed in the spring at select locations.

### **Planning for Future Improvements**

- ♦ Planning is progressing for new interpretive signs for existing and new byway venues including Sullivan Town Park and the site of the former Winter Harbor School.
- ♦ The "Kids Quest" project will have more displays in 2015 in locations including Tidal Falls, Taunton Bay, Gordon's Wharf, Long Cove, Camp Moore and Prospect Harbor.
- ♦ The Downeast Coastal Corridor plan was updated in 2014, identifying needs along Route 1.

### **Public Participation**

- ♦ The Schoodic Byway Brochure continues to promote natural, historic, cultural and recreational assets along the byway. The brochures are distributed through Maine Visitor Centers.
- ♦ Further reductions in national and state funds for byway programs places greater importance on municipal and other contributions to continue improvements along the byway. Thanks to all that have given support.

We thank the select boards, planning boards, staff, historical societies, Chamber of Commerce, Maine Coast Heritage Trust, Friends of Taunton Bay, Frenchman Bay Conservancy and other organizations for their support. We thank the Hancock County Planning Commission, the Maine Department of Transportation and Acadia National Park for their technical and financial support.

The Schoodic National Scenic Byway Corridor Committee is a collaboration of Hancock, Sullivan, Gouldsboro, Winter Harbor and Acadia National Park to protect and promote this scenic corridor. Area residents are always welcome to attend byway meetings. You can learn more at [schoodicbyway.org](http://schoodicbyway.org), or by calling the Hancock County Planning Commission at 667-7131.

Respectfully Submitted,

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