

**Schoodic National Scenic Byway
Corridor Committee
01/24/2011
Minutes**

Attending: Gary Edwards, Peter Drinkwater, Barbara Shanahan, Jim Fisher, Larry Johannesman, Dick Fisher, Cathy Carruthers, Eve Wilkinson, Fred Michaud

Prospect Harbor Gateway

Larry displayed images of the proposed gateway facility.

- Raise the parking lot
- Trails around the edge
 - Paving or stone dust for roadside trail
 - Stone dust for interior trails
- Light house – Peter noted that snowplows might damage house if it is too close to parking lot in the winter
- Gateway sign – hang gateway underneath the town sign
 - Would need to move the planter from under the sign
- Grassy area around the sculpture – requires mowing
- Natural vegetation around the edge with drainage pipes
- Gazebo – bench
- Granite Rock path
 - Discussion of depth of granite blocks
 - Which segments to build
 - Safety
- Interpretive signs
 - Lighthouse – Lobstering for a living
 - Harbor View – local history and architecture?
 - Gazebo – local vegetation – cranberries, blueberries?
- Additional input
 - Fire department
 - Veterans Memorial Committee
 - Schoodic Arts for All
- Curbing around parking lot
 - Need to leave storage space for plowing
 - Building is closed in the winter and parking is minimal for emergency response.



Route 186 – West Gouldsboro



- Larry presented drawings from MaineDOT
 - Alternative one has a wider intersection and might not require a stop sign
 - Alternative two has a narrower intersection and uses a stop
- Eve met with West Gouldsboro Improvement Association
 - They prefer to move back the structures on the island and accommodate a better intersection
 - Not supporting the very wide paved design
- Fred- would a roundabout work at this intersection?
 - Difficult with the side slope
 - Might not be sufficient space

Gordon's Wharf

- Meetings – First Wednesday of each month
- Designs on web

Introduction from Fred Michaud - State Scenic byway coordinator

- Grant proposals go through Fred
 - Byways programs overall are likely to be flat-funded at 2008 levels
 - 2010 Grant announcements likely to be announced in March
- Next RFP might be for \$500 - \$700K in Maine
- What to elevate byways program to an economic development tool
 - Build awareness among elected leaders
 - Might create an association
- Maine Travel and Adventure Expo in Bangor
 - Three days in early April 1-3, 2011 – www.firstlightshows.com
 - Might consider a joint byway information both at this conference
 - Is DART participating?
 - Can MaineDOT fund a table?

- Governors Conference on Tourism?
- State Byway Marketing Grant
 - Creating a uniform style for Maine Byways
 - Interpretive signs
 - Websites
 - Brochures and maps
 - Collaborate with Maine Office of Tourism
 - Would the state help to fund placement of byway brochures in the visitor centers?
 - Might fund placing a single brochure for all of the byways
- Interpretive Map / Brochure -
 - **ACTION – Jim will work with Peter Drinkwater on a Request for Proposals for Map Brochure**

Schoodic Byway Website

- Split planning from tourism
- Google maps
 - Suggest having photograph come up rather than narrative – see if this is possible
 - Links to new assets

State Byway Conference

- Late April or early May
- Formation of a byway association
 - Existing and new byways
 - Corridor Management Plans
 - Capital investment plans
 - Creation of a state appropriation for matching funds
- Location
 - Augusta – invite the legislators
 - Invite legislators for a short event

Public Outreach / Local Leader meeting

- Invite local elected and volunteer leaders
- Buffet dinner
- March or April
- How broad a net?
 - Focus on Schoodic
 - Invite legislature / local leaders

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 17th 9:00 AM Sullivan Town Office