

Minutes: Route 1/186 Scenic Byway CAG/CMG meeting February 2, 2000 Sullivan Town Hall

NEXT MEETING: Next meeting Thursday, February 17, 2000 9:00 am in Sullivan Town Hall

Attending: Barbara Shanahan, Peter Drinkwater, Stanley Torrey, Wes Hills, Frank Dedmon

Barbara read John Melrose Letter congratulating the CAG and the towns on their scenic byway plan and state designation.

Discussion of the Byway Name- The group decided that town names, ie. Sullivan, may not be appropriate. The name would then be "Schoodic Scenic Byway".

Barbara discussed the new scenic signs, Scenic Downeast Coastal Route 1 - already posted!

Mike Hoover - Six year plan - need to have the towns fill out the pink forms. Can ask the RTAC to ask Jim to place added emphasis on the scenic corridors.

Additional improvement ideas

- Clinic Road and 186 as one way roads. But trucks get hung coming up clinic onto Route 1
May be cheaper to fix the grading on the clinic road intersection.
- Park and Ride facility at the recreation center
- Sullivan Harbor Association - have provided parking for RV's
- Corridor committees should meet with a design engineer in the Ellsworth Office to work on specific ideas. We could go over to meet with Bruce or his designee.
- The committee can put together a list and send it to the towns.

Byway warrant:

- No request for funding
- May help get roads rebuilt
- Federal and / or State Designation
- Byway plans are on file in town offices
- Safety improvements
- Local safer place to ride bicycles
- FRANK: Tourists are coming

Action Items

- Need to plan a public meeting more in advance to give people an opportunity to learn about the CMP and byway. Date for Public Meeting?
- Mike will give us some input on road projects such as BTIP items that are headed for implementation.
- Fill in the Pink Slips in next two weeks - send list to towns of byway improvements. Towns can put data on the pink sheets (or we can for them).
- Jim will write a sample warrant for CMP adoption at town meetings.

AGENDA: Route 1/186 Corridor Management Group Meeting

Date: February 17, 2000

Time: 9:00 am

Place: Sullivan Town Office

1. Six Year Plan: Collect and Review Pink-Slip Plan Recommendations
2. Plan public education opportunities for Byway
3. Review BTIP work plan for 2000-2001
4. Discuss Sample Warrant

Sample Warrant

Shall the Town of Sullivan/Gouldsboro/Winter Harbor vote to approve a Corridor Management Plan for the Route 1 / Route 186 "Schoodic Scenic Byway"?

Background

A voluntary group of persons from Sullivan, Gouldsboro and Winter Harbor has worked for more than three years to win State designation of the Route 1 / 186 Corridor as a Scenic Byway. The corridor begins at the Hancock/Sullivan bridge, continues onto Route 186 through Winter Harbor and the Schoodic Loop Road in Acadia National park and ends in Prospect Harbor. The corridor management plan identifies many of the important historical and scenic locations along the byway and suggests steps for preserving these assets. The plan also proposes a series of measures including improving safety along the byway such as road rebuilding, shoulder paving, providing scenic turnouts, park-and-ride facilities, and informational signage.

Pending Designation

This plan has been reviewed and approved by the State Scenic Byway Board and is being considered for national designation. State and National designation will permit Sullivan/Gouldsboro/Winter Harbor to apply for federal and state grants for the improvements proposed in the plan. Local funds are not requested in this warrant and are not required to match Federal and State grants.

Annual Report of the Route 1 / Route 186 Corridor Advocacy Group

The Corridor Management Committee of the Route 1 / Route 186 "Schoodic Byway" is happy to report that 1999 was a banner year for accomplishment.

The proposed Schoodic Byway begins at the Hancock/Sullivan bridge, continues onto Route 186 through Winter Harbor and the Schoodic Loop Road in Acadia National park and ends in Prospect Harbor. Our group, made up of representatives from Sullivan, Gouldsboro and Winter Harbor -- including selectmen from each of the towns -- met regularly throughout the year. We drafted a Corridor Management Plan that identifies many of the important historical and scenic locations along the byway and suggests steps for preserving these assets. The plan also proposes a series of measures including improving safety along the byway such as road rebuilding, shoulder paving, providing scenic turnouts, park-and-ride facilities, and informational signage.

In January of 2000 the State Scenic Byway Board approved our plan and designated this corridor to be a State Scenic Byway, eligible for state grants and giving the corridor a higher profile in future funding for reconstruction and improvement. The plan has now been sent to Washington, DC for consideration as a National Scenic Byway. We will learn this year whether that status will also be offered. National designation will allow us to apply for additional federal resources for byway improvements. All three towns will have the opportunity to vote on designation at Town meetings this year.

We would like to thank all of good people who have supported our planning efforts, including members of the select boards, planning boards, Town offices, historical societies, Chamber of Commerce and other local organizations. We would also like to thank the Hancock County Planning Commission for their assistance in writing the plan and the Maine Department of Transportation and Acadia National Park for their technical and financial support.