

Minutes of the Schoodic Byway Committee Meeting

Thursday, January 19, 2016

10:00 A.M, Winter Harbor Town Office

Jen Boothroyd

Peter Drinkwater

Cathy Carruthers

Gary Edwards

Hilly Crary

Dick Fisher

Bob DeForrest

Eileen Hall

Frank Dorsey

Natalie Springuel

The meeting came to order at approximately 10:00 A.M.

Peter showed the new brochures, and everyone agreed they look great.

Frank Dorsey told the group about an upcoming presentation that Friends of Taunton Bay will be giving for K-5 students at Peninsula and Mountain View Schools.

Cathy showed the group the new walking tour brochure produced by the Winter Harbor Historical Society.

Jen noted that the Winter Harbor Bike-Ped sign is finished, and is being kept at the Winter Harbor Town Office until it can be put up, hopefully in the spring.

Peter asked the committee if the Schoodic Area Chamber of Commerce could work with Margot Carpenter to adapt the map made for the new byway brochure for their next Chamber brochure. The group was agreeable.

Natalie Springuel, representing the Downeast Fisheries Trail, spoke to the group, summarizing the Fisheries Trail's purpose of celebrating fisheries heritage in Washington and Hancock Counties. The Fisheries Trail is interested in collaborating with the Schoodic Byway for their biennial event for site

managers and associates, to be held in late April or early May. The Byway Committee was enthusiastic about the idea. Further discussion and brainstorming led to several ideas for venues (Hammond Hall being foremost), and possible field trips. Natalie will continue with finalizing details of the event, and will keep the Byway Committee informed.

The meeting moved on to strategic planning discussions based upon the Goals identified in November.

The following ideas and actions were identified for Goal #1, maintaining and enhancing the scenic value of the Byway:

- Could we start an adopt-a-site program for cleaning and landscaping at Byway sites?
- Consider recruiting businesses to provide volunteer landscaping services for Byway sites in exchange for allowing the business' sign to be placed at the site somewhere (will MaineDOT allow this)
- Can Larry get us a schedule of MaineDOT's landscaping rounds of the Byway sites?
- Individual committee members will make lists of byway sites that need to be maintained and viewsheds that should be preserved for their own communities. Jen will forward the scenic view inventory list from the 2000 Corridor Management Plan as somewhere to start.

The group noted that other items discussed at this meeting are directly applicable to other goals identified in the November Draft Work Plan

- Collaborating on the Downeast Fisheries Trail Event works towards Goal #3 of fostering participation and community support for the Byway
- The presentation to elementary school students works towards Goal #4 of promoting education on the need for resource protection and preservation

The next meeting was set for February 23rd at 9:00 AM at the Gouldsboro town office.