

**Schoodic Byway
Sullivan Town Office
1/26/2010
Minutes**

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

Introductions

Gordon's Wharf – Discussion lead by Gary Edwards, Sullivan Select board

Fundraising for the Gordon's Wharf Project

<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>
LMF	215,000
FBC	100,000
MCHT	\$16,000
<u>Sullivan</u>	<u>\$50,000</u>
	\$381,000

Land	\$385,000
Survey	15,000

Gary worked with Jim Connors and others to put the package together.

- Putting together a planning team for this and the waterfront.
 - Jim Fisher
 - Barbara Shanahan
 - Larry Johannesman
 - Local granite expertise: Obadiah Buell, Jesse Salisbury
- Planning for ways to pay for and derive income from the house.
- Sullivan wants to work on a regional shellfish ordinance
 - Looking at selling commercial licenses through Ellsworth
 - Cost of administration would be \$3,000 per town if all towns participate
 - Ordinances would need to be passed in all the towns

DERC&D will be involved.

Questions

What uses for the house?

- Possible tourism / recreation business
- Rental for summer residential use
- Other light commercial use

When will federal funds be available?

- 2008 funds will be available shortly

- Next this grant will be available for 2009

Byway proposed and received \$44,000 federal support

- Need to develop a work plan for byway funds

Next steps

- Participation in the town planning committee
- Landscape design
- Interpretive planning
 - Meet with historical society
 - Develop contract with Nancy Montgomery
 - Ideas
 - Granite mining and shipping
 - Recreational Kayaking / Boating

Taunton Bay Gateway

- Bid package for design of the rail trail kiosk
- Plans for landscaping
- Want to have activity this summer

Frenchman's Bay

- Bid package is ready to go
- Going to bid for granite blocks

Moore Road

- Working with designers

Prospect Harbor

- Permitting is done???
- Want to set a date to meet at the site to put a line on the property (in about three weeks)
 - Jim will contact inform superintendent (with RSU 24)
 - Superintendent can decide who would represent the school
- Once a line is in place, MaineDOT will assess the property – if Ronda agrees with the prices ...
- Town will purchase the property and MaineDOT will reimburse the town
- Engineering – about to sign-up and engineer
 - Primary concern is drainage
 - Soils analysis
- Location of the Granite sculpture, interpretive panels, veteran's memorial
- Eve will contact Mary Laury about the site – informing them that there may be some construction activity

Road Signs

- Jim handed out sign alternatives
- Discussion
 - Peter – likes option C – Schoodic National Scenic Byway – three lines
 - Larry – might mix C and A
 - Eve – likes C, then A

- Dick – fine with C, might use A in other locations
- Jim – A, green signs should be replaced
- Gary – A
- Fred –
- Decision – use a combination of A and C
- Jim will prepare a map indicating locations for signs to send to Larry

Grants

- Fred Michaud – funding is delayed while US DOT works on a continuing resolution
- May have \$40,000,000 nationally for the byways program
- Expecting an announcement in the next several weeks for the next round of grants
- Window for responses will be shorter
- New theme – livability
 - Fit with community development
 - Quality communities
- May want to invite - Dan Stewart – livable communities coordinator
- Proposals
 - Dorcas Library – thumbs up for next step
 - Who would own it?
 - Library could own it, but may need a contract with a reversion clause
 - Library is prepared to raise approximately \$80,000
 - This might pay half the cost
 - Town might own the property – selectmen are not interested in owning this property
 - Is this concept ready to go?
 - Jim will need to prepare a draft proposal for Fred and the Community
 - Byway funds might be used to improve the site and construct pedestrian connection to the town office
 - Demonstrate how the library project provides scenic opportunities
 - Quality community – Dan Stewart
 - Gordon’s Wharf – thumbs up on preparing draft
 - Matching funds look like a strong possibility – 5% LMF
 - Things to do
 - Historic access restoration - Wharf Road improvement
 - Additional wayside-interpretive amenities
 - Dock/boat ramp
 - Floats? Might be possible
 - Yasgur Property – Youngs Market
 - No matching funds available
 - DTI -
 - Jackson Laboratory -
 - Youngs Market
 - Might be able
 - South Gouldsboro – no
 - Vegetation – not this year
 - Planning and Administration – thumbs up
 - Need a sources of matching funds

- Jim will prepare a draft and suggest local matching funds requirements

Corridor Management Plan

- Fred overview
 - Current byway plan is stale and in deficient by current standards
 - Need to build up the sustainability plan
 - Maintenance
 - Management
 - Pro-forma budget
 - Gary raised the question of what kind of entity this is?
 - State non-profit, but not a 501c3
 - Does the byway reach a point of being built out
 - Partnerships are more important
- Schoodic Byway
 - Initial infrastructure was state-federal
 - Subsequent grants are using local support and ownership
 - Livability – fits with sustainability
- CMP – extend byway through Washington County Line

Regional and Statewide organization

- How do we work with other scenic byways?
 - Annual meetings with other Maine Scenic Byways
 - National Meetings
 - Workshops
 - Form a state association of Scenic Byways
 - State non-profit
 - Encourage lobbying
- New statewide website planned – MainDOT will build it

Scenic View Assessment

- Jim showed the recently completed scenic assessment to the group
- This assessment will support future decisions about protecting views, promoting recreational uses and making local land use decisions.

Downeast Scenic Byway

- How do we connect the Schoodic Byway with a longer downeast Scenic Byway
- Might extend the byway through West Bay Road

Next Meeting:

- Prospect Harbor Site Meeting – approximately two weeks from now
 - Gouldsboro Select board meeting February 4th Info packets
- Corridor Management Planning Meeting – **Monday, March 15th**