

Schoodic Byway Corridor Meeting

February 7, 2006

Minutes

Attending: Larry Johannesman, John Kelly, Peter Drinkwater, Gary Edwards, Frank Dedmon, Ed Pontbriand, Don Snoke, Jim Fisher, Ruth Franzius, Rod Franzius, Andrew Sankey

Review of Minutes

Gateway Facilities - Larry Johannesman

- Larry presented numerous iterations of designs for the walkway, kiosk for the gateway.
- He handed out a black and white sketches showing the site plan, details for drainage, benches, interpretive signs, plantings
- Kiosk structure
 - 10'*10' or 16' * 16'
 - Roof design
 - Purpose of the structure - providing information about the entire byway
 - interpretation
 - concern about competition between the monument and the kiosk
 - Decisions remaining
 - Whether to build a kiosk – most present support the kiosk. John Kelly and Larry continue to raise questions about the suitability of having this structure
 - Whether or not a kiosk will be built, we need to work on a design for these gateway-way-finding exhibits.
- Other Rest Area Design Issues
 - "spine" - granite posts surrounded by perennial plantings - mixed reviews from those attending.
 - might turn into a playground, close to highway
 - might interfere with mowing and vegetation control
 - lawn or no lawn - Peter would like to stake out the area to see. Mowing may be a challenge in this location.
 - short cut path – seems likely with the new trail design. Might be better to build one from the start.

Frenchman Bay - Dunbar Project going to bid on February 22

April 29 Byway Clean Up - Ed Pontbriand

- Meeting with town managers
- Barbara met with Sumner High School
- MaineDOT will provide clean up and safety materials
- Ed had to leave for another appointment, so we tabled this discussion until March

Park Signs - John Kelly

- Handout – shows designs for each of the proposed signs

- John also had some examples of enhanced sign foundations for the Moore Road entrance
- Signage examples are also available on the web
- NPS has worked with a national company to build these in the past. Can MaineDOT contract with this company to build the signs?

Keep-Stop-Start – tabled until March

Grant Proposals – Jim Fisher

- Project implementation – proposal complete/ Will be submitted this week.
- Enhanced Mapping – nearing completion. Will be submitted this week.

Web Site

- Don Snoke reviewed www.schoodicbyway.org and suggested several changes (see handout)
- General suggestion: add “National” to Schoodic Byway
- Peter raised the idea of placing a Web Camera at SERV facing the ocean
 - The camera would send images to www.schoodicbyway.org at fixed time intervals, such as every 5 minutes. Jim knows roughly how these work, but has not implemented one. The camera would need to be tied into the internet through a computer or other internet communications device.
 - People who can help with this process include Boyd McFarland, Phil Church, Ed Pontbriand, Bill Zoellick ... - Web Cam
 - ANP cannot take this on, but we may be able to ride on their internet system provided we do not slow down the network.

Sullivan Appraisals

- The appraisals for the small lot near Preble Cove and the Sullivan Harbor Foundation property are completed
- need to negotiate with owners
- John Kelly asked whether we need to put some restriction on future use to assure scenic preservation
 - We should follow up with Bob LaRoche to learn whether we can insert a deed restriction on the land to prevent MaineDOT from using the Preble Cove site for non-scenic purposes.
 - This seems a remote possibility, but the general concept of a deed restriction is supported by the committee.

Other Business

- Downeast Trail – Jim showed a large format map of the proposed downeast trail. He met with the Franklin Select board on Monday night and will be meeting with the Sullivan Selectmen on Wednesday afternoon to discuss the transition.
- Blackwoods Byway – Corridor plan was approved and the first meeting of interested stakeholders will be held today.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM