

Schoodic Byway Committee  
2/9/2009  
Minutes

**Attending:** Eve Wilkinson, Janet Michaud, Andy Sanky, Peter Drinkwater, John Kelly, Larry Johannesman, Jim Fisher, Jesse Salisbury

**MaineDOT Reorganization**

- Duane Scott has moved to other projects
- Fred Michaud is likely to take over managing planning byways
  - Coordination with the Office of Tourism
  - Grants administration
  - Statewide coordination
- Andy McDonald, Civil Engineer – new leader of the landscape team
  - Larry Johannesman and Kent Cooper will continue to devote a significant share of their time to byways

**Grant proposal**

- Need to complete applications by mid-February
- Grant proposal concepts
  - Planning and Administration
    - Still have some funds in reserve
    - We would need to come up with matching funds if the state cannot
  - Signs
    - Park funds for match
    - Signage planning consultation
      - Location of all signage
      - Thematic tour
  - Land Acquisition
    - Larry's Discount Store
    - Public Access to the water
    - Corner lot of Rte. 186 & Rte 195 – across from Dorcas Library
      - Asking price \$180K
      - Owned by Dr. Towle
  - 2011 Schoodic Sculpture Symposium
    - Match
      - Maine Arts Commission
        - Public Reserve Lands – State Parks?
      - Private Contributions
    - Option 1: Sponsor a sculpture, provide a location
    - Option 2: Sponsor the event – marketing, brochures
  - Winter Harbor Lighting
    - Town special meeting – transfer \$40,000
    - Can these match the byway funds

**Strategic Plan** – Andrew proposes that we have a strategic planning session

- Blue Sky discussion of long range vision, goals, objectives
  - E.g. public access to the water
- Jim noted that we are supposed to do this to update the corridor management plan

### **2009 Sculpture Symposium**

- Work with Office of Tourism
  - Marketing and promotion
  - Enhancing presence of this event on the web

### **Site Selection**

- Use of MaineDOT sites for sculptures
  - Ellsworth has a MaineDOT site approved for a sculpture
  - Each site has different stake holders
    - Planning
    - Maintenance
- Hancock Gateway Site
  - Hancock Selectmen suggested this site
  - The gateway monument sign is our sculpture
  - Committee has turned down this concept in two previous meetings
- Gouldsboro
  - Dorcas Library – supported by the library committee
  - Gateway Area - Cranberry bog, would need to fit with byway and veteran themes
  - West Gouldsboro Library – parking is difficult, but still viable
  - Corea – Selectmen didn't support this location

### **Prospect Harbor Gateway Design - See illustration**

#### **Goals**

More defined areas

Tighten parking, but organize it better

Move lighthouse forward

Put message sign up near to the road

Byway interpretive signs over near the

Reduce parking by two or three, to create green space in front of the Community Center

#### **Annual Report**

- Finalized design of Park Directional Signage to be installed this spring.
- Due to cutbacks – look for opportunities for local match
- Communicating the nature of the byway committee

#### **Scenic Viewshed Project**

Funded by SPO

Need community volunteers

Peter – this was funded already with the Geo-tour grant. True, but methodology is different

**Next Meeting:** March TBA