

*Schoodic Scenic Byway Committee Meeting*  
*Minutes*

**Date:** April 5, 2005

**Time:** 8:30 AM

**Place:** Sullivan Town Office

**Attending:** Ed Pontbriand, Don Snoke, John Kelly, Andrew Sankey, Jim Fisher, Barbara Shanahan, Leslie Harlow, Peter Drinkwater, Frank Dedmon, Susan Lambe, Lisa Cowan

**Agenda:** No changes.

*Earthday - April 30 - byway clean up day on Route 182, Route 3, Schoodic portion of Acadia National Park*

8:30 Introductions and announcements

- National Byway Conference – Cleveland, OH October 16 – 9
- Schoodic Byway Student Photography Project
  - Adam Sayer and Leslie toured the byway with him - he
  - Student is working with camera now
  - Jim needs to send him a data base format
- Summer Construction Plans
  - Projects may start late summer
  - Andy raise the issue of need for improvements to Route 186 in South Gouldsboro – road has deteriorated badly this winter and needs significant improvements.
  - Jim will bring up this issue with Fred Michaud and Todd Pelletier
- State Transportation Legislation – funding for highways is expected to be very tight.
- Schoodic Scenic Byway, Inc. progress toward 501(c)3 status – need to file application to Federal Gov.

8:45 Hosting the State Scenic Byway Conference (May 13<sup>th</sup> at SERC) [www.bywaysonline.org](http://www.bywaysonline.org)

Ideas for the State Byways Meeting

- Round Robin - Past projects and future plans - looking for parallels and
  - sustainability issues - making byway a good experience - better cell phone coverage, information to E911 dispatchers
  - ask for three most pressing topics
  - operations -
  - interpretation -
  - good and bad of other byways - lessons learned
  - ways to work with Chambers of Commerce - invite Chambers of Commerce to meeting?
  - invite Victor Rydlizky - hired to do Winter Harbor's downtown revitalization plan
  - design consistency for visual appearance - e.g. guardrails,
  - marketing - "the Maine you've been looking for"
  - tourism - coordination, presentation by tourism specialist
  - guest speakers - state agencies 2 minutes of fame
  - coordinating byway initiatives
  - speakers on fund raising
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- Two activities to be pursued
    - Logistics
    - Planning
  
  - Thursday evening - reception at Bunkers Wharf light dinner
    - Jim needs to contact Michele Bierman - Rooms - \$15 per person,

Possible Topics for Plenary Presentation at reception or following morning

- Tour of Byway Projects and Accomplishments
- Presentation by Chel Ethun [methun@byways.org]
- Byway Sustainability
- Cable Guard Rails
- Interpretive Planning – lessons from Fermata Study
- Statewide Tourism Coordination
- Maine Delegation to the National Byway Conference (10/16 – 10/19)

9:00 Earmark funds – project ideas

- Completion of Gateway
- Completion of Frenchman Bay
- Winter Harbor Park and Ride
- Stone Store Turnout
- Young's Market turnout
- Acadia National Park / Schoodic Byway Directional Signage -\$50k Park sign committee will meet this Thursday - Might also consider a sign in Ellsworth. Tour Byway for signs - Jim, Peter, John, Ed
- Scenic Enhancement Projects
- Scenic Preservation - Land acquisition options

9:15 Frenchman Bay/Dunbar Scenic Turnout – this discussion was largely tabled until after the gateway discussion. Time ran out and this discussion was cut short. The committee concluded that the original small design with parallel parking was the most feasible. It will not be advisable to build onto the Dunbar property. If possible, the committee would like to see the turnout extended somewhat west to add additional parking. This end is constrained by proximity to Miramar Lane.

9:30 Lisa Cowan and Susan Lambe present the gateway landscape design

I did not take notes during this presentation that constituted most of the meeting. Here are a few summary remarks. Cowan and Lambe presented several design concepts for the gateway as well as environmental constraints to be considered.

- Gateway Sign
  - Lighthouse – second choice overall, prominent but somewhat overused in southern Maine
  - Rectangle – third choice, not particularly notable, some visibility concerns
  - Schoodic Mountain – first choice, though concerns about visibility remain. The natural resource them was appealing.
  - Library Sign – fourth choice, has the advantage of low cost and high visibility, but not easily connected to the byway themes other than the West Gouldsboro library.
  - The committee talked at length about ways to compensate for visibility problems at the entrance. The recommendation is to pursue placing some kind of sign well ahead of the turnout, such as at the triangle of land that was created by the change in the East Side Road intersection. This sign might be purely directional, or might even employ the current interim gateway sign.
- Structures
  - Designs for the privy and information kiosk were considered. The committee generally endorsed the concept of following similar design guidelines for both structures (and others along the byway). The simple design with a central peak and roof sloping away in four directions was accepted. Subsequently some committee members have asked to re-open the discussion of the roof design.
  - Location of the kiosk east of the entrance was accepted.
  - Location and size of the privy is still uncertain due to space and topographic constraints.

- Trails and landscaping
  - One section of trail will not be possible due to steep slopes that begin at the curb.
  - The use of vegetative barriers is still preferred to fences.
  - The concept of birch or other native trees in the median of the larger parking area was accepted.
  - Bench and interpretive signage locations were accepted.

10:15 Summer events along the Byway, other business as needed

- Trade Days
- Sullivan Days
- Winter Harbor Lobster Festival
- Hammond Hall Events
- Schoodic Art for All