

Schoodic Byway Corridor Management Committee Meeting
Thursday, April 22, 2004
Sullivan Town Office

Attending: John Kelly, Barbara Shanahan, Peter Drinkwater, Jim Fisher, Andrew Sankey,
Leslie Harlow

May 20th meeting for the Maine Byways

- summarize what the byways are doing
- John Kelly, Barbara Shanahan and Jim Fisher are planning to attend
- Jim will prepare a summary of the October eastern byway meeting for this conference

Application for 501(c)3

- benefits
- tax exempt contributions
- ongoing administration
- costs
- administrative issues
- start up costs
- ongoing obligations
- easier to fund HCPC - administration included

Decision - start process filing for state incorporation

Signage

- Gateway
- HDU versus wood
- design suggestion
 - consider border color around the edge of the sign
 - use contrasting colors that stand-out from the background (water, shore and sky)
 - add a third tree (prefer spruce)
- Bret's concerns – process, funding, fit with Route 1 Construction Plans, permanence
- Decisions
 - Solicit proposals from manufacturers and pass these along to Bret.
 - Continue the effort to secure the state and federal funds
 - Consider alternative funding if that doesn't pan out

- Ask Bret for a list of steps required to implement this project.
- The bank will provide an indefinite float to pay for the sign. -Jim will create and escrow account and send Andrew Sankey a letter describing the process.
- Jim will contact Todd Pelletier and Town of Hancock about the location and local ordinances.
- Hancock CEO John Larson - T, TH 8-11 AM can tell us what to do
- Leslie will contact John Larson
- Andrew will contact State Representative Earl Beirman

Turn out area

- project bidding starts this week
- design will be added to contract
- the draft design is posted on www.schoodicbyway.org
- work will start in June

Mobile Americas Byways Book incentive program

- Peter presented the mobile Corp tour guides
- Peter will speak with bookstores to get an idea of interest

Interpretive signage

- Jim will try again with Bret

Byway Power workshop

- John is thinking about going to Boise in August - Acadia funding
- Jim will consider Boise too (Schoodic funding)

Grants

- funding is still being decided at the Federal level
- Michaud seeking funding - may mean more funding, but not decided
 - extra funding might create an enclosed information area
 - need to figure out how it would be operated
- A second round of funding may be announced during the summer
- no news on the next round of grant proposals

Discussion of the Winter Harbor Information Center Concept

- The building near the flagpole - might be renovated as an information kiosk - staffed or self-serve
- Friends of Schoodic - expressed concerns about promoting tourism. This facility may not fit in their visions
- This location would not increase visitation, but might help direct visitors

Enhancement Grants

MDOT

- Thursday night Winter Harbor - gymnasium Public meeting to discuss road plans on Route 186
- Context sensitive design - Maryland Example
- Peter and Jim will attend

Road signs

- need to take down the green signs as the new ones are sorted out

Other Business

ANP will be hiring a new person to work in Schoodic

- John will back off from work in Schoodic
- environmental planner and facility administrator

Watson farm has been sold and subdivided - likely to be high end housing

- Hope to preserve some of the scenic and historic character of the property
- Members of the Byway Committee will look into what this means for the scenic vistas

Discussion of changes underway in Winter Harbor

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