

**Schoodic National Scenic Byway
May 20, 2008
Minutes**

Attending: Don Snoke, Peter Drinkwater, Barbara Shanahan, Andrew Sankey, Fred Michaud, Jim Fisher

Interpretive Plan – Jim Fisher

Installation Schedule:

Date	Activity
Friday May 23 7:00 AM	Jim and Larry work on the metal brackets then visit each of the sites to mark sign locations
Monday, May 26 – evening	Bob Haynes et al. arrive at Flanders Bay Cabins
Tuesday, May 27 - early	Jim brings metal brackets and meets Bob to begin installing signs. Granite posts are at the MaineDOT Bridge lot on Washington Junction Road.
Wednesday, May 28	Installation of signs continues
Thursday, May 29	Contingency day to finish installation if not completed on Wednesday.

- Jim will keep committee updated on schedule
- Need to identify source for sand and gravel – suggest using gravel pit on Tunk Pond Road - Route 183

Long Cove

- Need “Rest Area” Sign at the sight
- Fred will follow up with Dale Doughty at MaineDOT

Winter Harbor – Modena – Development - John Kelly

- John brought a large conceptual diagram for the development
- Development team held a public meeting in Winter Harbor on May 14th. See http://ellsworthmaine.com/site/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=14696&Itemid=31 for more information.
- Development will be visible starting on the byway in north Winter Harbor, at the flagpole and continuing of the Moore Road
- ANP has met with a number of conservation organizations
 - Maine Coast Heritage Trust – not supportive
 - FOA – opposed
 - Park – Concerned about the scale of the development
 - Frazier Creek
 - Sargent Island
- Public presentation in Winter Harbor on 5/14/08 emphasized nature observatories, transportation, preservation, etc. Little information was provided about the development of hotels, housing, etc.
- Questions:
 - Would the park acquire this land? Unlikely, though easements are possible

- Land trusts might also be interested in easements
- What economic development values are promoted by the project?
 - Additional employment and tax base
- How should Jim approach the consultants?
 - Defer to the committee
 - Not authorized to speak for the committee – only to set up meetings
- How do we balance economic development goals and preservation goals?
 - This concept appears to accomplish neither development or preservation as presented
 - New public trails might be welcome
 - Maine Coast Heritage Trust is acquiring

Statement from the Byway Committee – to be drafted by Jim

Cecelia Ward, et al. (Mike Saxl, Steve Ribble)

We hope that the goals of the project will complement and augment the goals of the byway. The committee is interested in learning more. We don't have the information that we need to judge this consistency. We encourage an ongoing dialogue between the developers and the byway committee.

Invite Steve Ribble or other to a future meeting.

Park Signage – John Kelly

- MOU has been signed
- State will do the installation outside of the park
 - Contact Dale Doughty (592-2580) about installation
 - Possible installation this summer
- Park will do the installation in the park – perhaps in the fall
- Moore Road Sign
 - Jim will contact Larry
 - Ernie Martin – MaineDOT Engineer-Augusta (624-3381 / 592-0567 (cell))

Dark Skies – John Kelly, Jim Fisher

- presentation at SERC on Saturday, June 14th
- committee discussed various ways to support this presentation
- Publicity
 - Provide information at the presentation
 - Get electronic copy of poster from Deny O'Brian

Summer Byway Events

- Farmstead Barn - Sullivan (Thanks Don Snoke for getting this schedule)
9:30 and 11:00 am, free, 207-422-3615
 - Tuesday July 8th --- Zachary Field - Percussion
 - Tuesday July 15th --- Frog Mountain Puppeteers

- Tuesday July 22nd --- Antonio Rocha - mime and storyteller
- Tuesday July 29th --- Charlie Who
- Franklin Family Fun Day – July 26 (Fourth Saturday in July)
- Sullivan Days – Saturday August 2nd, 2008 (First Saturday in August)

Come celebrate the summer with an entire day of fun and special events including raffle tickets for a variety of prizes, a bounce house for the children with games and a dunk tank. Come on out and support the town's Fire and Rescue Department and Women's Auxiliary. Eat hamburgers, hot dogs and mouth watering sausage. Then, at 9 pm enjoy the fireworks display over Taunton Bay.

The gazebo in Sumner Park at Route 1 and Taunton Drive will serve as a stage throughout the day for performances by a long list of musicians scheduled to perform between 11 a.m. and 9 p.m. They include the Higgins Family (11 a.m.), Jimmy Barnes (noon), Jeremy Strater (5 p.m.), Rode Hard (6 p.m.), Daedalus (7 p.m.) and Still Standing (8 p.m.).

Also scheduled is a 2 p.m. Maine State Police K-9 demonstration.

Activities begin at 7 a.m. at the Sorrento-Sullivan Recreation Center, where breakfast will be served until 9 a.m. The cost is \$5 or \$3 for children under age 5.

The town's library and historical society, which are both located within the Recreation Center, will host open houses throughout the day. A dedication of the town's new playground at the Recreation Center is scheduled for 2 p.m.

A parade at 10:30 a.m. will kick off at Quarry Road and continue along Taunton Drive to Sumner Park. Lineup begins at 10 a.m.

Craft and food vendors will be in the park throughout the day.

- Schoodic Arts for All – July 28 – August 11 visit www.schoodicarts.org
- Winter Harbor Lobster Festival August 9, 2008 (Second Saturday in August)

"Lobsters, Breakfasts, Craft Fair, Parade and more"

44th Annual Lobster Festival Activities include:

- 8:00AM Annual George Schaefer Memorial Road Race
- 9AM-5PM Craft Fair with over [80 crafters](#) - Peninsula CSD Grammar School
- 10AM-12PM Lobster Boat Races Henry Cove, Winter Harbor
- 11AM-3PM Lobster Feast with live entertainment
- Peninsula CSD Grammar School Ball Field
- 5:30PM Parade through Winter Harbor

There will be a variety of other foods available, such as coffee, muffins, sandwiches, French fries, cotton candy, kettle corn, nachos, and sno-cones.

Line up at the Golf Course

Come for a day of family fun. No admission charge

Marketing

- Committee reviewed brochure revisions – Fred Michaud offered several additional revisions
 - HCPC will see that another batch of brochures is printed as soon as possible
 - Downeast Graphics should still have their version of the original brochure
- Geotourism signs – HCPC has an Ellsworth High School student assisting with design.

Other Business

Access Atlantica – John Kelly

- This is an initiative to boost tourism across eastern Maine and the Canadian Maritimes
- There is some concern about launching yet another route overlapping with the others
- Sheridan meeting with others

East Coast Greenway / Sunrise Trail – Jim Fisher

- Note that bidding is closed on the rail to trail conversion
- Several good bids were tendered and MaineDOC and MaineDOT are meeting with one of the bidders to work through details
- Work may begin this summer. The Schoodic Byway's closest trail head will be Tunk Pond Road (Route 183). We will be building some parking there where a siding will be removed.

Schoodic Point Summer Bikeway

- Route 186 construction will obstruct biking
- Alternatives
 - Increase bike capacity on buses
 - Open bike Route across Modena Property
 - Might not be a good time to ask for this
 - ANP would have to approve a trail across their property which would probably not happen quickly either
 - Visitor information – should warn riders of their options

West Gouldsboro Church – Peter Drinkwater

- Town owns the church lot
- The church needs to hold services 2 times per year (Non-denominational)
- The committee in charge of this church asked whether this facility could provide information
- Limitations: No land, no parking, no plumbing - might be a good site for a geo-tour panel but not much more