

Schoodic Scenic Byway Corridor Committee Meeting Minutes 06/03/02

Attending: Barbara Shanahan, Peter Drinkwater, Frank Dedmon, Jim Fisher

I. Ice age tour

Jim toured the byway with Pam Person, Victor Smith and several other people interested in identifying educational stopping points for glacial geology. Hal Borne was unable to participate, so we may have missed some potential stops. Only one very promising stop emerged from close-up evidence. Glacial striations are clearly visible on rocks in Long Cove. This may be useful for interpretive signage at that rest area.

II. Gateway

- Sullivan may try switching the Maine and Downeast Acadia flags in order to put the darker one against a lighter background. (subsequently switched, and it looks good.)
- Frank provided Jim with documents related to the gateway project. Jim will attempt to put together a report and draft invoice (also subsequently done.)

III. Signage

Other signage issues

- Remove "slippery when wet sign" near gateway flagpole if possible
- Birch Harbor - move post east to Park sign
- Dunbar's - byway sign MDOT can put one there (they have an extra sign in hand)
 - Vegetation management
 - tree thinning
 - hot topping (find out if Gary Tonkin would approve this)

IV. Scenic turnout

- Preble Cove - Vegetation Management needed

V. Marketing - we looked at some brochures and maps to see what we might copy

- Ohio Scenic Byway flyer - good example
- East Coast Greenway
- Schoodic bike trail

VI. Interpretive signage -three sites are possible.

- Long Cove - easiest to build now, can do ice age, clams and worms, ecology of a cove
- Dunbar's - more affected by right of way issues. Can discuss long-view of Mount Desert, ecology of Frenchman Bay
- Prospect Harbor - need to discuss with town select board, but potentially can be done soon. lobstering, sardines, folk life, art

VII. Gateway sign

- current sign is hard to see - move closer to the bridge
- We can start on the design of a permanent gateway signs
- examples are available in the May issue of Vistas

VII. Designer for the Gateway sign

Graphics artists and signs in the yellow pages

- Mary Green (upstairs from old Ellsworth American Office)
 Leslie Harlow knows her.
- Mohr Signs, Route 102 in Bar Harbor
- Bangor Neon
- Sign language Graphics - Bucksport
- Studio 3
- Z Studio
- Kat Studio - Sorrento

Could use granite from Sullivan for Hancock Sign

Peter suggested that the top edge of the of sign follow MDI Skyline (or Schoodic Mountain skyline - which is a good example of glaciation)

Jim needs to contact Victor Smith about location, size, lettering, posts, etc.

VIII. Bus and Ferry connections to the Schoodic Byway

- Peter and Jim will attend a meeting at Park HQ June 4th at 1:30 p.m. to discuss transit buses
- West Transportation has expressed interest in providing service
- Another private operator interested - owns Seagull Restaurant
- Might run a tour or shuttle - could include Navy Base

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Note: Jim crossed the hall and downloaded Sullivan tax data. These data were subsequently merged with parcel data from the Frenchman Bay Conservancy project. The maps look pretty good.