

**Schoodic National Scenic Byway
Corridor Management Committee Meeting
June 25, 2007**

Minutes

Attending: Barbara Shanahan, Peter Drinkwater, Francis Grey, Ruth and Rod Franzius, Dale Mayo, Bob LaRoche, Don Snoke, Jim Fisher

Update on Schoodic Byway – Dale Mayo

Progress is good.

- About 50% of the funding has been paid to contractors.
- 1 ¼ miles of roadway remain for major work, July 9th will start

Dunbar's

- Adding paving stones for the island will be added soon.
- Center bump-out will be added this week
- Adding concrete pavers for pedestrian way
- Stone blocks will be added later.
- Route 1 is on track to be completed this year.
- Downspouts drain the parking lot into the field

Scenic view property

- Property is graded, needs loam
- Will add #3 seed mix

Slope across from Philips will also have flower mix

Long Cove

- Paving up to granite blocks
- No curbing will be added
- May reposition some of the rocks
- Granite bollards will be placed around the outhouse
- Bob LaRoche will check with Larry to see who is responsible for doing this work.

Questions

- Peter – saw DOT digging over close to Dan's
- Need to monitor

Route 186

- MaineDOT meeting tomorrow in Bangor to discuss
- Winter Harbor
 - Agreed to pay for conduit underground

- Verizon and BHE each wanted \$100,000 to put the wire in the conduits – the town voted not to appropriate the funds
- The sidewalk design now needs to be changed
- Gouldsboro
 - Newspapers report that the project has been delayed
 - Need to check with Janis Piper about project schedule
- Stinson's
 - Francis met with Roger Webber and Peter Colson from Stinstons
 - They were wondering whether there is a future phase planned for widening near to Stinson's
 - Did not go into great depth about the turnout proposal.
 - Thinks that they are open minded about it
 - They want to locate a water line, running from behind the new school site.
 - They have easements over adjacent properties – easement expires in 2009
 - Stinson's has other options
 - TIF financing
 - Possibility of creating public sewer system in Prospect Harbor
 - The Selectmen in Gouldsboro need to work together on project coordination
 - Town would need to enter into a lease agreement
 - Guarantee safe access for their trucks
 - Seeing tourists using the pier
 - The parking area is very congested
 - Need to find some way to expand parking
 - **ACTION:** Byway sends letter to selectmen that there are X dollars for the site, set a time limit on the funds and encourage them to make a decision.
 - Funds for construction
 - Funds for amenities and interpretive signage

Reorganization at MaineDOT

- Duane Scott is going to be working more on planning for byways
- Bob LaRoche and Larry will be working more on bricks and mortar construction
- State Byway Board being reconstituted
 - Will use representatives from departments in MaineDOT
 - They will be reviewing grant applications in the future
 - Proposals will need to be submitted earlier to give the committee a chance to review them
- Anticipating another RFP in late August or early September
- Questions
 - Will there be a chance for submitting applications for acquisition of land
 - Park and ride in Gouldsboro
 - Dan's Discount land at Long Cove
 - **ACTION: Jim – send Bob information on Park and Ride Proposal**
 - Duane – will look at alternative sources for funding for projects that fit this site better.
 - We can press ahead for funding in other ways

- Three areas have requested to become byways – state byways
 - Gindstone – Medway Patton
 - Greenville to Jackman
 - Evan’s Notch – Route 113 Standish

Gateway improvements

- Bond passed
- Hope to have the carpenter build a kiosk this summer
- Paths can be built
- Privy has been delayed until next spring due to funding shortfalls
- Semicircular granite area for maps signage
- Remnant of old singing bridge
- Warning sign for rest area

Jim will check with John Kelly about the Park Signage plan – will the signs be built this summer?

Sustainability Project

- Have selected a consultant
- Will be working on
- Peter noted that the Schoodic Chamber has joined the MDI Chambers
- **ACTION: Jim and Peter contact Bob Haynes**

National Byway Conference

Main themes

- History
 - Maryland’s network of byways
 - Focus on the region’s history
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- Preserving Heritage
 - Identifying viewsheds
 - Creating funding pool for preservation
 - Negotiating easements to protect farms and working landscapes
 - Land Use regulations – another solution
 - Zoning
 - Building codes
 - Open space preservation
 - **ACTION:** Good topic for the winter
- Technology
 - Audio tours
 - Cell Phones
 - Website Content – MP3 files
- Maintaining Designation
 - Updating plan

- Creating facilities
- Community Participation

Interpretive signs

The group looked at the new draft signs. Several suggestions are included on the posters. Jim will forward these to Nancy ASAP. The contract is close to ending.

Taunton Bay Tides: A Banquet for Wildlife

- One participant suggested removing the darker shading on the left side of the panel. This may compromise visibility of the text that appears in white. Perhaps there is some compromise level of shading. In particular the fox is difficult to see.
- Bottom text on Eelgrass – Please remove “*But in 2006, little remained near the bridge.*”
- Bottom right text on HORSESHOE
 - Remove (*left*)
 - Remove: *in winter*

Down East Lighthouses

- Remove indentation on “and assisting in rescues.”
- Tone-down the dots on the map pointing to the lighthouse, or use some other symbol that does not distract from the rest of the map.
- We toyed with “Schoolic Lighthouses” caption. Though we were not definite about this, we debated whether “spotted” should be “viewed” and whether “are open to the public” should read “publicly accessible”. No consensus was reached.
- Remove “(pronounced “Pett-it)” There are many pronunciations. My favorite is “tit Manan” Readers can come up with their own pronunciation.

Lighthouses Warned Ships of Danger Down East

- Black text in the water is a bit difficult to distinguish.
- Also in that text, change “vacation home” to “private home”
- Change “Winter Harbor Light, called Mark Island Light by local people ...” to “Winter Harbor Light, known locally as Mark Island Light, ...”
- Same comment about the white dots on the map as above.

Historic Architecture in Sullivan

- Design A was preferred to design B. A has the delivery wagon located north of Route 1.
- No changes were recommended.

Fed by the Tides: The Cove Environment

- I don’t see any changes on my sheet.
- We would do well to have three tide shots that are comparable. I haven’t had a chance to do this and don’t have a very good camera. Rod Franzius was going to try, but they haven’t had a chance either. Actually the low and half-tide shots are pretty good. A high tide shot in that direction would probably be adequate.

Many are ready for manufacturing. Should we proceed?

Installation

- Hire a contractor through MaineDOT
- Chester Pike
 - local metal fabricators
 - local granite pieces

Marketing