

Schoodic Byway Corridor Committee Meeting
07/17/06
Minutes

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

Note: Add John Young to the mailing list - Gouldsboro Harbor Committee

Interpretive plan update

Gateway

Architecture

Do want a verticals structure to attract attention

- pull people off the road
- Do not want the Hallowell configuration, but something unique
- Textured asphalt floor
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Circular emblem (like PA Dutch Hex Signs) - ships wheel, nautical, recreational, scenic themes

- sailing ship
- recreational boat
- could this be a weather vane, ships sail that moves with wind direction?

Map

- What you will see on the byway map Good idea
- Need more emphasis on ANP

Interpretation

Four interpretive panels

- Natural Resources
 - Why so much emphasis on the horseshoe crab? Can't see them from here even on the few days they are coming to shore.
 - Cover horse shoe crabs, eel grass (if there is any there – see Taunton Bay Plan), blue herons, osprey
 - Add Eagles
 - No eiders here - go to Schoodic point for this.
- Transportation History – Train
- Transportation History - River Crossing
- Recreation

Answering Questions

Good to direct people to Tidal Falls Nature Conservancy – (do not emphasize restaurant or any other private businesses)

Recreational Activities include hiking, biking, kayaking, bird watching, National Park
(see original interpretive plan for details)

Byway Attractions - Historic buildings, lighthouses, national park

Waukeag Station - Hancock (not Sullivan)

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- Train cables - need to have historical pictures or possibly drop it
- NPS document - my have information on several themes.
- Is Waukeag station visible now? No, only the embankment for the tracks.
- Do not discuss Hancock Point
- Headline: Sullivan Granite Shipping
- Taunton Crossing Through Time
- There were some short-lived wooden bridges over Taunton Bay. One wooden bridge lasted only a year or two.

Interpretive Stations at Gateway

Station 1 - Lobster Coast Kiosk - first station, granite structure, information kiosk, in the field (brochures in Wakeag Station)

- big map of byway - Sullivan, Gouldsboro, Winter Harbor, ANP
- map of downeast maine - Roque Bluffs Etc.

Station 2 - Wakeag Station – by the rail tracks

- brochure space
- shelter
- history of trains and transportation
- outhouse station design

Stations 3-5 - Scenic Walk - Larry's sketch

- Natural Resources - crabs and eel grass
- Shipping - stone pair
- River crossing

Suggestion for Interpretive Effort – would like to see some mock-ups.

Prospect Harbor Gateway

- Roger from Stinson-Conner-Bumblebee ... willing to talk with us about putting a gateway.
- Jim still trying to set up a meeting.
- Might invite John Young to join meeting

Horse Trough

Agree to use Byway Funds for a brass plaque for this trough – part of interpretation
Need photographs and a way for people to visit the trough.

Carl Gray Property

- Should the byway seek funding for acquisition - for scenic protection
- Asking \$150,000
- Quick review of funds suggest that we might have \$60,000.

Route 186 Highway Program

- Peter discussed need for context sensitive design
- Barbara and Andy advocate road improvements
- Context sensitive design

Dunbar's

- Check in - make sure that the turnout is being included in the design
- Dale Mayo - project manager
- Philip Dunbar - is getting more parking spaces

Next meeting: late August or early September